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MUSI SURVEY TRIGGERS STIR

Families from Langar Houz, Asad Baba Nagar, New Maruti Nagar Colony refuse to give up their homes

CITY BUREAU
HYDERABAD

The markings left behind by revenue officials on their dwelling units are seen by these poor families as the ones that change their fate line and uproot their lives.

Faced with an uncertain future and anguished at the prospect of bulldozer metal blades displacing their lives, scores of families from dwelling units in areas around the Musi river took to the streets here on Friday.

As the administration began marking houses, said to be located in the riverbed, for demolition squads to run through for the Musi Riverfront Development Project, the affected families protested at Langar Houz, Asad Baba Nagar, New Maruti Nagar Colony and other areas. Protestors also flocked the Amberpet tehsildar's office demanding that the government roll back the decision of evicting 80 workshops in Durganagar Basti.

They alleged that officials pasted stickers on the workshops, marking them for demolition, and lamented that the livelihoods of hundreds of families depended on these small *karkhanas*. From areas around Langar Houz, Attapur and Bapu Ghat, residents protested at Langar Houz. (SEE PAGE 2)

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Residents protest against the State government's decision to raze their homes and displace them as part of the Musi Riverfront Development Project, in Hyderabad on Friday.

Fearing demolition, woman kills self

HYDERABAD: Fearing that her house built near a water body in Kukatpally would be demolished by the HYDRAA authorities, a woman hanged herself to death at her residence on Friday. G Buchamma and her husband G Shivaiah, residents of Yadav Basti in Kukatpally, have three daughters. (SEE PAGE 2)

High Court summons HYDRAA chief

HYDERABAD: Justice K Lakshman of the Telangana High Court has summoned the Commissioner of the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Monitoring and Protection Agency (HYDRAA), AV Ranganath, along with other officials, for allegedly violating a court order during the demolition of structures at Sri Krishna Nagar in Kistareddypet village of Ameenpur mandal. The case stems from a writ petition filed by Mohammed Rafi and another claimant, who asserted their legal ownership of the property in question. (SEE PAGE 2)

In a nutshell

Boy 'sacrificed' for school's success

HATHRAS: In a shocking case, an 11-year-old boy, Kritarth Kushwaha, was brutally murdered in what police have described as a human 'sacrifice'. The incident took place in a residential school in Rasgawan village under Sahapau police station limits of Hathras, UP. Investigations revealed that the killing was orchestrated as part of a tantric ritual, to bring success and fame to the school. The victim was a Class II student. IANS

Murmu for State today

NEW DELHI: President Droupadi Murmu will visit Telangana on Saturday to attend different functions. During the day-long stay, she will grace the 21st convocation of NALSAR University of Law at Hyderabad. She will also inaugurate the Bharatiya Kala Mahotsav 2024 at Rashtrapati Nilayam, said a statement issued by Rashtrapati Bhavan. Kala Mahotsav will showcase art and culture of various States. PTI

CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

Farm	Rs. 125
Retail live	Rs. 147
With skin	Rs. 213
Skinless	Rs. 243
Egg Rates (12 eggs)	Rs. 72

FIR lodged against Sidda in MUDA row

K'taka CM says this is first 'political case' against him

BENGALURU/MYSURU

The Lokayukta police on Friday registered an FIR against Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and others in the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) site allotment case, following court order.

Congress president M Mallikarjun Kharge, meanwhile, came to Siddaramaiah's defence, stating that the party is standing with him and will support him. Siddaramaiah, who began his three-day visit to his home district of Mysuru, claimed that he was being targeted in the MUDA issue as the Opposition is "scared" of him and said it's the first such "political case" against him. He also reiterated that he won't resign following the court ordering a probe against him in the case as he has done no wrong and asserted that he would fight the case legally.

While Siddaramaiah is accused number one (A1) in the case, his wife BM Parvathi (A2), brother-in-law Mallikarjuna Swamy (A3), Devaraju (A4) — from whom Mallikarjuna Swamy purchased land and gifted it to Parvathi — and others are named in the FIR registered by the Lokayukta police in Mysuru. A Special Court in Bengaluru on Wednesday ordered a Lokayukta police probe against Siddaramaiah in the case, setting the stage for filing an FIR against him.

The order of the Special Court Judge, Santhosh Gajanan Bhat, came a day after the High Court upheld the sanction granted by Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot to conduct a probe against Siddaramaiah on the allegations of illegalities in the allotment of 14 sites to his wife by MUDA. The Special Court, which deals with criminal cases related to former and elected MPs/MLAs, issued the order directing the Lokayukta police in Mysuru to initiate the probe on the complaint filed by RTI activist Snehamayi Krishna. PTI (SEE PAGE 2)

Bhatti's house burgled; cash, gold stolen

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

Burglars struck Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka's residence and decamped with valuables worth lakhs.

Apart from his official residence at Praja Bhavan in Begumpet, the Deputy Chief Minister resides with his family in his house in Banjara Hills. He is currently on a foreign tour.

According to police sources, though it is unclear when the incident occurred, the burglars decamped with cash, gold and silver ornaments, and foreign currency. The family, who found the house burgled recently, informed Bhatti, who in turn alerted the police. The Banjara Hills police booked a case, took up investigation and collected clues. (SEE PAGE 2)

War of words over *laddu*

Jagan cancels Tirumala visit

AMARAVATI

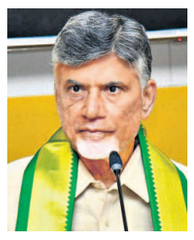
Opposition YSRCP chief YS Jaganmohan Reddy on Friday said he has indefinitely postponed his planned trip to the Tirupati Lord Venkateshwara Temple, amid the growing demand by NDA allies in Andhra Pradesh to declare his faith before entering the shrine. His much hyped Tirumala tour was announced as part of the YSRCP's call for prayers in temples to atone for TDP supremo and Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu's 'sin' through his allegations on the quality of Tirupati laddus.

Addressing a press conference Jagan said he could not go to Tirupati as his party leaders and workers were issued notices by police warning them not to participate in his temple visit. PTI

No one stopping Jagan, says Naidu

AMARAVATI

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Friday said YSRCP supremo YS Jaganmohan Reddy was claiming as if he was prevented by authorities from visiting the Tirumala temple and asked if he was served any notice to not go to the shrine.



Reacting to Jagan's decision to postpone his trip to the Tirupati Lord Venkateshwara temple, Naidu said every religious place has its traditions and customs and whoever wishes to visit a place of worship should respect the norms. He said Jagan's stand of him having earlier visited the Tirumala shrine by not 'signing the declaration' form affirming his faith in the presiding deity does not entitle him to repeat it. "I am asking you straight. Have you been given any notices?" he questioned. PTI

Harish sets Dasara deadline for loan waiver

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

In a fresh ultimatum to the Congress government, former Minister and senior BRS MLA T Harish Rao has set the upcoming Dasara festival as a deadline for implementing complete crop loan waiver across the State.

If failed, he warned that the BRS will lead Statewide protests, storm Hyderabad with scores of farmers and lay siege to the Secretariat.

Participating in farmers protests at Nangunur mandal headquarters in Siddipet district on Friday, Harish charged Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy with betraying farmers by failing to deliver on his election promise of waiving loans up to Rs 2 lakh.

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Woman accuses Sub-Inspector of driving husband to suicide

WARANGAL: A woman lodged a complaint against a Hasanparthy Sub-Inspector, alleging that his torture drove her husband to suicide. Anusha, on Thursday, lodged a complaint with the Mulkanoor police, accusing SI Devender of illegally detaining and torturing her husband G Ashok in a theft case. She claimed that her husband took the extreme step due to "embarrassment caused by repeated torture" by the SI. Anusha alleged that her husband was summoned by Devender on September 22 for questioning. The SI allegedly tortured Ashok and forced him to confess to the crime. He was summoned for two days and tortured, she alleged. (SEE PAGE 2)

Jagtial youth assaulted by woman cop, dies in Gandhi hospital

JAGTIAL: A youngster, who attempted suicide after being manhandled by a woman Sub-Inspector, died while undergoing treatment at Gandhi Hospital. Shivaprasad doused himself with petrol and set himself afire at his residence on Sunday. His family rushed him to a local hospital from where he was referred to Gandhi Hospital in Hyderabad. His sister, Prshanthi, released a video from the hospital, alleging that her brother had attempted suicide after being manhandled by Korutla SI Swetha. The police officer was shifted from the police station and ordered to report at the SP's office by district SP Ashok Kumar. (SEE PAGE 2)

2 booked for obscene bike stunt

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

The Balapur police booked a case against two youngsters after a video of their public display of affection (PDA) went viral on social media. The police booked Mohd Wasif Arshad and the girl for dangerous and obscene bike stunts. Arshad was detained and the bike was seized. The video of the incident, which occurred along the main road of Pahadishareef on September 22, went viral on various social media platforms. Last year, a similar incident was witnessed, wherein a couple was seen kissing while sitting on the roof of a moving car. Following the incident, people demanded that the Hyderabad Police take action against the two.

A video grab shows the youths kissing on a bike.

Woman booked for wearing skimpy clothes in Indore

INDORE

The police in Madhya Pradesh's Indore on Friday registered a case against a woman following an outcry from various quarters over her roaming in skimpy clothes at the famous food street, 56 Dukaan.

A first information report under Section 296 (obscene act in a public place) of the Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita has been registered against the woman, who allegedly roamed in short clothes, Tukoganj police station incharge Jitendra Singh Yadav said. Local women's organisations and social and cultural outfits lodged complaints against the woman, he said. "We have recorded statements of people from these organisations. They have alleged that a young woman roaming in a public place in short clothes amounted to obscenity," Yadav said.

The woman uploaded the videos of her moving around in Meghdoot Chaat-Chowpatty and 56 Dukan Chaat-Chowpatty, well-known street food spots, under the title 'Public Reaction'. Speaking in Hindi on social media, she claimed to be a Dubai resident. BJP, Bajrang Dal and other organisations' leaders asked police to take action against the woman. She apologised and took down the videos. PTI

ED raid on Ponguleti

HYDERABAD

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) was conducting searches on Friday at the premises of Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy and son P Harsha Reddy in a case of alleged money laundering.

Simultaneous searches were carried out at the Minister's residence at Jubilee Hills in Hyderabad, his farmhouse at Himayat Sagar on the city outskirts and other premises related to his son, daughter and other family members.

The searches were also conducted at the premises of a construction firm owned by Harsha Reddy and other places in their home district Khammam. Sixteen teams were conducting simultaneous searches at the houses, offices and other premises.

The searches were related to a case of money laundering, which has been registered based on a complaint from the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) against Harsha Reddy for allegedly purchasing seven expensive watches worth Rs 7 crore.

Harsha, who is into the construction business, was issued a summons by the Customs Department in connection with the purchase of two luxury watches worth Rs 1.73 crore allegedly smuggled from Hong Kong via Singapore, according to the probe agency. (SEE PAGE 2)

RRR oustees step up fight

Demand govt to either realign plan or ensure payment of market value as compensation

STATE BUREAU
HYDERABAD

Farmers in Yadadri Bhongir district are intensifying their fight for fair compensation for land being acquired for the Regional Ring Road (RRR) project.

At a meeting held in Choutuppal town on Friday, they demanded that the government either realign the road plan, sparing their agriculture land, or ensure payment of market value as compensation.

The meeting saw a significant turnout of farmers, many of whom have small landholdings.

The registration value of their land ranges from Rs 7 lakh to Rs 8 lakh per acre, while the market value is estimated to be over Rs 2 crore per acre. In Choutuppal mandal alone, 200 farmers are set to lose 189 acres. Major landowners, including Chintala Damodar Reddy and Buru Krishna Reddy, have called on the government to consider allotting land in lieu of the land being acquired from them.

> Registration value of their land ranges from Rs 7-8 lakh per acre, while market value is estimated to be over Rs 2 cr

The farmers have resolved to start relay protests at Indira Park in Hyderabad, bringing together all landowners displaced by the RRR project across various districts. The farmers argue that the compensation offered through standard procedures is significantly lower than the market value, leading to substantial financial losses.

They have urged the government to adopt a justified approach to the land acquisition process, reflecting the true value of their land and the emotional and financial impact of displacement.

The RRR project, a 340-km, four-lane access-controlled expressway around Hyderabad, aims at enhancing connectivity and supporting regional development. However, the land acquisition process has faced resistance from local bodies and farmers, who demand fair compensation and better resettlement options.

'Cong govt neglecting edu sector'

SFI holds protest in city demanding fee reimbursement

Police personnel detain SFI activists at Dharna Chowk in the city on Friday. — Photo: Anand Dharmana.

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

Demanding the Congress government to appoint an Education Minister and resolve pending issues, including fee reimbursement arrears, the Students Federation of India (SFI) Telangana held a 'Vidyarthi Mahagarjana' at Dharna Chowk here on Friday. The student organisation called for State-wide demonstrations in protest against the arrest of its leaders during a rally on Friday.

The SFI activists, along with a large number of students in unison, demanded the government to resolve pending issues in the welfare hostel and residential educational institutions. They also wanted the enhancement of mess and cosmetic charges in line with the increased prices. The activists sought the construction of permanent buildings for the welfare residential schools and colleges, which were functioning from rented premises.

The SFI demanded the government to immediately disburse fee reimbursement arrears to the tune of Rs 8,252 crore. They also demanded the appointment of regular Vice-Chancellors to State universities, which have been working with senior bureaucrats as in-charge V-Cs.

SFI Telangana president RL Murthy slammed the Congress government over its indifferent and lackadaisical approach to resolving the issues in the education sector, which was in crisis.

The Congress, which came to power assuring people's rule in the State, has not resolved issues in the education sector even eight months after forming the government, he said, adding that the government was conspiring to shut down 1,864 government schools across the State.

Murthy accused the government of not allocating enough funds for the education sector and said, Congress' assurance of bringing in regulation to curb corporate fee loot remained just an assurance, giving a scope of corporate schools and colleges to charge lakhs as tuition fee.

Meanwhile, SFI activists along with students who tried to march towards the Secretariat from Dharna Chowk were arrested by the police. SFI Telangana secretary T Nagaraju said several activists and students were injured in the police action and questioned the Congress government whether this was people's rule.

37-year-old duped of Rs 1.50 lakh

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

A 37-year-old man was cheated by cyber fraudsters to the tune of Rs 1.50 lakh with a promise of providing an online part-time job. The scammers obtained the victim's personal details and promised to provide an online job with daily payments.

They told him that he needed to complete a free registration and was provided with a website. The victim logged into the website and started the work. The victim made payments as required, and the scammers continued to provide commercial ads, prompting the victim to pay repeatedly.

Medical seats: SC to hear TG plea on Sept 30

NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday said it will hear on September 30 the Telangana government's plea against a High Court verdict holding that State's permanent residents cannot be denied benefits of admission in the medical colleges merely because they lived outside. The State government, by the Telangana Medical and Dental Colleges Admission (Admission into MBBS & BDS Courses) Rules, 2017, as amended in 2024, mandated that only those students, who have studied for the last four years up to Class 12 in the State, will be entitled to admissions in the medical and dental colleges under the State quota. A Bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud on September 20 stayed the High Court order that permanent residents or those domiciled in the State cannot be denied the benefit of admission in the medical colleges merely because of their study or residence outside Telangana.

On that day, the State government, however, had agreed to grant a one-time exception to 135 students, who had moved the High Court, in admissions in the medical and dental colleges. On Friday, the top court said that it would hear the plea on September 30, as on Friday, Justice JB Pardiwala was unavailable. PTI

Techie jumps to death

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

A woman software employee died by suicide by jumping off a multi-storied building in Miyapur on Friday. The deceased was identified as P Sindhura (28), a resident of Kondapur. She was working for a software firm in Madhapur, and staying with her husband and in-laws at an apartment in Miyapur.

According to police officials, family issues are suspected to be the reason for the extreme step. Police said she reportedly was upset for the last few days over frequent arguments with her husband and jumped off the the ninth floor of the building. She suffered multiple bleeding injuries and died on the spot. The Miyapur police are investigating.

Falsely implicated in case, says Jani Master

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

Choreographer Jani Master, who was interrogated by the police in connection with the sexual assault case, told the police that he was being falsely implicated in the case.

He alleged that the victim had harassed him and lodged a false case for not accepting her love proposal. Jani, who was questioned by the Narsingi police in the presence of his lawyer, is learned to have told the police that the victim came to him during a Telugu reality show, wanting to work with him. He told the police that he gave her an opportunity as an assistant choreographer in his team purely based on her talent. However, she started harassing him, pressuring him to marry her. It was then he had brought the matter to the attention of a popular film director, who tried to counsel the girl. "However, she continued to harass me," he told the officials.

He further told the police that there was a larger conspiracy against him and executed by people who envied him professionally, and he was being falsely implicated in the case.

Meanwhile, the four-day police custody allowed by the Special POCSO Court will end on Saturday. On the other hand, the hearing on Jani Master's bail petition was postponed to Monday. The Narsingi police arrested Jani Master on September 19.

42-year-old held for cheating

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

The Task Force (South-East) team, along with the local police, nabbed one person on charges of cheating people in the guise of solving their problems, including health ailments, through black magic at Bandlaguda here on Thursday.

The arrested was identified as Ilyas Ahmed alias Mohd Ilyas (42), from Jahangirabad in Bandlaguda. According to the police, Ahmed, a native of Mahabubnagar came to Hyderabad in 2012 in search of livelihood and started cheating people in the guise of providing solutions to their problems with black magic.

Officials seized photos and threads used for performing black magic, Rs 8,000 cash and a mobile phone from his possession.

Principal in ACB net

HYDERABAD: The ACB officials caught V Prabhu Das, principal of Victoria Memorial Home Residential School in Saroornagar, for allegedly demanding and accepting Rs 29,000 bribe on Friday. The bribe amount was seized from him.

In Brief

HYDERABAD
Jilted lover arrested

The police arrested a jilted lover who attacked his girlfriend with a knife on a moving bus on Thursday. The 20-year-old girl and the suspect, natives of Bhongir district, were in a relationship. However, the girl has been avoiding him for the past few days over some reasons. On Thursday, when the girl was going on a bus, the suspect attacked the girl with a pocket knife, resulting in a bleeding injury. Based on a complaint, the police arrested him.

HYDERABAD
RP Patnaik lodges plaint

Popular music director RP Patnaik lodged a complaint at Raidurgam police station alleging that his son was assaulted by a senior in the college. In the complaint, Patnaik said his son Vaishnav, pursuing an MBA course in a private college, was being allegedly ragged by Shyam, a senior for the past few days. On Thursday, when Vaishnav was returning from college, Shyam picked up an argument with the former and ended up biting his ear. A case was registered.

HYDERABAD
Transgenders arrested

In a special drive against transgender and cross-dressers, the Task Force (North) zone, along with the local police, caught seven persons on charges of harassing motorists and shopkeepers for money in Karkhana on Thursday. The arrested were identified as K Dinna Chitra from Yapral, Shaik Mumtaz from Balajinagar, Shaik Ashu from Balajinagar and Shaik Sameera from Yapral, all cross-dressers.

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FIR lodged against Sidda in MUDA row

"Acting under Sec.156(3) of Code of Criminal Procedure, the jurisdictional police i.e., Superintendent of Police, Karnataka Lokayukta, Mysuru is hereby directed to register the case, investigate and to file a report as contemplated under Sec.173 of Cr.P.C., within a period 3 months from today.." the court had said.

Accordingly, the FIR has been registered under Sections 120B (punishment of criminal conspiracy), 166 (public servant disobeying law, with intent to cause injury to any person), 403 (dishonest misappropriation of property), 406 (punishment for criminal breach of trust), 420 (cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property), 426 (punishment for mischief), 465 (punishment for forgery), 468 (forgery for purpose of cheating), 340 (wrongful confinement), 351 (assault) and other relevant sections of the IPC. PTI

High Court summons HYDRAA chief

Mohammed Rafi and another claimant contend that all construction was carried out in accordance with permits obtained from relevant authorities.

The petitioners alleged that their rights were threatened by authorities, leading them to file multiple writ petitions in response to perceived interference. During previous hearings, the standing counsel for the GHMC acknowledged that officials had not visited the property or issued demolition orders.

However, HYDRAA has maintained that it acted according to a government order issued on July 19, authorising actions to remove unauthorised constructions. The court took into account prior interim orders prohibiting interference with the ongoing construction without following due legal process. The petitioners also highlighted the incident on Sunday morning when authorities reportedly arrived with bulldozers and heavy machinery, dismantling their property and discarding personal belongings — an act they claim directly contravened earlier court directives. The counsel for HYDRAA argued that they were responding to a directive from the Tahsildar to assist in the demolition of structures deemed illegal on government land, as part of their role as a coordinating agency for government asset protection.

In response, Justice Lakshman said the actions taken by HYDRAA were in apparent violation of court orders and demanded an explanation from the Tahsildar of Ameenpur and HYDRAA Commissioner. The matter has been scheduled for further proceedings on September 30, with officials required to appear either physically or virtually.

ED raid on Ponguleti

The investigation by the Customs Department revealed that these watches were smuggled from Hong Kong via Singapore. The Customs Department seized these watches from Mohammed Mubeen, an alleged dealer who came to Chennai from Singapore on February 5. Patek Philipe 5740 and Breguet 2759, estimated to be valued at Rs 1.73 crore were seized from Mubeen.

Harsha Reddy had allegedly purchased these watches through an intermediary, Alokam Naveen Kumar, who was interrogated by Customs in March. He allegedly facilitated payments through hawala and cryptocurrency. Harsha Reddy had denied the allegations. The I-T had conducted searches at the premises of Srinivas Reddy before the Assembly elections in November last year. The former MP joined the Congress in July, a few months after he was suspended by the then-ruling BRS for anti-party activities. Srinivas Reddy, a businessman, was elected to the Assembly from the Paleru constituency in Khammam district. IANS

Fearing demolition, woman kills self

As dowry, the couple gave a house to their daughters to share among themselves. However, due to the recent demolition drives being taken up in the vicinity of their house, Buchamma feared that their house would also be demolished and her daughters would become homeless. This led her to take the extreme step. Though Buchamma's relatives alleged that she died due to fear of the demolition, the police said all possible angles were being probed. It is learnt that though HYDRAA surveyed the area, they did not issue any notice.

Woman accuses Sub-Inspector of driving husband to suicide

The woman added that unable to bear the torture, Ashok ended his life on September 24. A case has been registered under Section 194 of the BNSS and an investigation is under way. Meanwhile, Hasanparthy Inspector V Cheralu claimed that Ashok was summoned for questioning in the theft case and, during interrogation, he was not subjected to any kind of physical assault.

Jagtial youth assaulted by cop, dies in Gandhi

A resident of Manchinillabavi of Jagtial, Shivarasad married Kavitha from Korutla town. The couple, who have two children, used to quarrel frequently.

Kavitha lodged a complaint against her husband with the Korutla police on September 19. On September 22, Shivaprasad was summoned to the police station for counselling, where SI Swetha reportedly slapped and thrashed him. Unable to bear the humiliation, he tried to end his life.

Bhatti's house burgled; cash, gold stolen

The police alerted the Government Railway Police (GRP) at Kharagpur in West Bengal. On Thursday, Kharagpur GRP officials caught two persons during regular checking after their movements looked suspiciously.

The suspects were identified as Roshan Kumar Mandal and Uday Kumar Thakur, both from Bihar, who confessed of their involvement in the burglary. Officials recovered Rs 2.2 lakh in cash, a 100-g gold coin, silver items and foreign currency. The suspects will be produced before a local court in Kharagpur and brought to Hyderabad on a prisoner's transit warrant as the case has been registered in Banjara Hills.

Musi survey triggers stir

Slogans of 'We Want Justice' and denouncing the Congress government, rent the air while the banners proclaimed 'Say No to Demolitions'. As the number of protests swelled, traffic was disrupted at Langar Houz and near Ring Road.

Locals at some places, including at Satyanagar and New Maruthi Nagar North Colony, objected to the survey and marking of properties by the officials and sought to obstruct them. They refused to budge and shouted back in anger their resentment at the unilateral decision of the government to displace them. Some women were heard saying they were not interested in shifting — lock, stock and barrel — to the promised 2BHK units.

The lanes and bylanes of Asad Baba Nagar, Moosanagar and Shankarnagar witnessed local residents, including women and children, going around with black flags and raising slogans against the government. "These are our homes and we want to live here only. We don't want to move to Uppal or Kollur for those 2BHK homes," they said.

Paddy purchase: TG may miss target

Govt plans to procure 91.28 lakh tonnes this Kharif season

STATE BUREAU
HYDERABAD

Despite a marginal drop in the area under paddy cultivation and rains that wreaked havoc on standing crops, Telangana is preparing for an ambitious paddy procurement drive for the Kharif season of 2024. The State has set a target of procuring 91.28 lakh tonnes of paddy, a substantial increase from the previous year, but it may be hard to realise.

Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations are set to commence in the first week of October. The Centre has committed to procuring up to 80 lakh tonnes of paddy, aligning with the State's procurement goals for the season. Actual paddy arrivals at the purchase centres are expected to begin after the Dasara festival, as farmers prepare their harvests. Though the area under Kharif paddy was projected to be over 6.6 million acres, due to various challenges, the actual area under cultivation had fallen short by over five lakh acres.

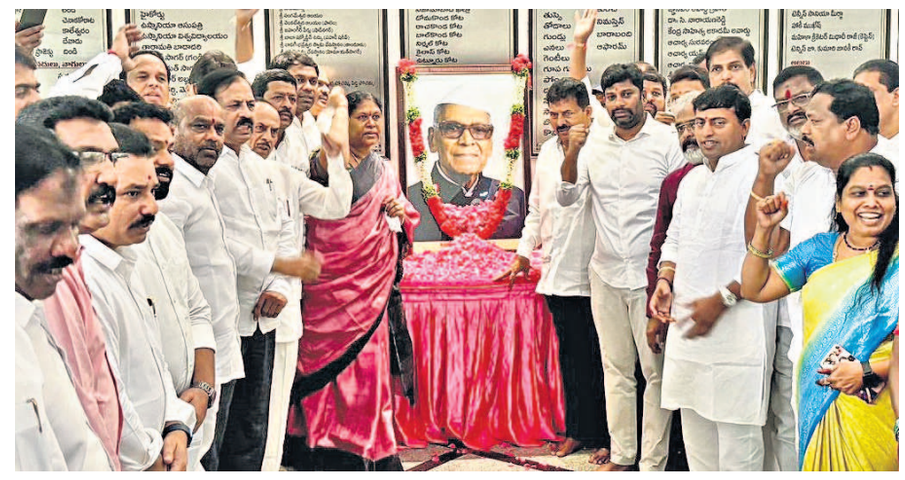
Paddy arrivals at the purchase centres are expected to begin after the Dasara festival, as farmers prepare their harvests.

Prolonged dry spells in June and July and other unpredictable weather patterns have affected sowing and transplantation activity. Some regions faced water scarcity, impacting the overall area under paddy. Though heavy rains experienced all over state during the fag end of August and early September helped to a limited extent in making up for losses owing to scarcity conditions. The farmers had lost a crucial crop season before the skies opened up. They did not help much. Rains triggered flash floods impacting standing crops once again. Standing crops in over 20 lakh acres were impacted due to rain ravage. Restrictions on export of certain varieties of rice have limited the expansion of paddy cultivation.

Paddy production during the season could be far less than the projected 1.54 crore tonnes. Civil Supplies officials said the government is set to commence MSP operations in earnest, ensuring that farmers are supported. The targets reflect only the state's commitment to supporting farmers and ensuring a robust procurement system. The centre has however consented to procure the maximum this time. In the previous Rabi season, the state procured up to 48 lakh tonnes of paddy against a target of 70 lakh tonnes. The highest procurement ever achieved by the state during a single season was 70 lakh tonnes during the BRS regime.

KTR slams Cong over 'destructive policies'

Says govt undermining construction of one lakh double-bedroom houses under BRS rule


BRS leaders paying tributes to Konda Laxman Bapuji on his birth anniversary in Hyderabad on Friday.

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

BRS working president KT Rama Rao launched a scathing attack on the Congress-led State government, for undermining the construction of one lakh double-bedroom houses under the BRS regime. He said while the previous BRS government built houses for the poor, the Congress government was focusing on destruction.

Pointing out the construction of one lakh double-bedroom houses in Hyderabad under former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao's leadership, Rama Rao called it proof of the BRS government's commitment. He condemned the Congress for spreading venomous lies by calling one lakh double-bedroom houses as sham. "With Musi river as witness, KCR's one lakh double-bedroom houses stand tall in the city. Congress accused us of deceiving the people, but did these houses just appear overnight?" he questioned.

The BRS working president lambasted the Congress for spreading misinformation. He wondered whether the Congress is unable to accept the fact that KCR's promises had been fulfilled.

"KCR's one lakh double-bedroom houses are real, and so are his promises. Your conspiracies and lies cannot undo the truth of our work," he added.

Rama Rao advised the Congress against peddling falsehoods and trying to cover up their own failures. "KCR's constructions speak for themselves. Don't spread lies again," he warned, accusing the Revanth Reddy government of undermining development for the people of Telangana.

"BAPUJI A PEOPLE'S FIGHTER"

HYDERABAD: BRS working president KT Rama Rao paid rich tributes to Konda Laxman Bapuji, recalling his pivotal role in the Telangana movement and his lifelong dedication to people's causes. He termed Bapuji as a "people's fighter" who sacrificed his ministerial position in 1969 to join the cause for Telangana's statehood.

Commemorating Bapuji's birth anniversary here on Friday, Rama Rao said Konda Laxman Bapuji's pivotal role, from the India's freedom struggle to the Telangana statehood movement, is unparalled, inspiring generations of activists. He noted that the Telangana Rashtra Samiti, under K Chandrashekhar Rao's leadership, was founded in Bapuji's residence, making his legacy inseparable from the eventual achievement of Telangana State.

To honour his contributions, the previous BRS government installed a statue of Konda Laxman Bapuji at Tank Bund, and also named the Telangana State Horticultural University after him. "His spirit continues to guide us in the progress of Telangana and influence the people of the State," he added.

BRS questions hike in Musi project costs

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

The Bharat Rashtra Samithi has criticised the Congress government for raising curtains to massive corruption and financial mismanagement under the guise of Musi Riverfront Development Project. The party questioned the sudden increase in project costs from Rs 16,000 crore to a staggering Rs 1.5 lakh crore, calling it a blatant attempt to siphon public funds.

At a press conference here on Friday, BRS leader P Karthik Reddy demanded that the State government conduct a public hearing on the project, before taking any further steps. He slammed the government for misplacing priorities and ignoring the pressing needs of the people. He warned that that these moves will have severe repercussions from Hyderabad's residents.

He said a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Musi beautification was initially pegged at Rs 16,000 crore. "Now, suddenly, we hear estimates skyrocketing to Rs 1.5 lakh crore. Where did this massive figure come from? The Musi River barely carries water for two months a year. What is the point of a riverfront here?" he questioned.

He demanded the State government to release the waterflow records of Musi River, fix Minimum Flow Level (MFL), demarcate riverbed, and stop illegal constructions along the river banks.

Comparing the Musi project to the Centre's Namami Gange initiative, the BRS leader pointed out that Rs 40,000 crore was spent on the 2,400 km-long Ganga River, while the Musi, a mere fraction in length, is seeing exorbitant proposals. He also accused the Congress government of pre-selecting contractors for the tenders and preparing tenders accordingly.

"The Musi Riverfront Development project has been initiated to fill the Congress leaders' pockets, not serving the people. While HYDRA is being used for attention diversion, the Musi project is being used to divert funds," he said. He vowed that the BRS would stand firm with the people and take action against the unjust demolitions under the guise of Musi beautification.

1 killed, 20 students injured in mishap

The mangled remains of the BVRIT college buses in Narsapur town on Friday.

STATE BUREAU
Medak

A driver died and another driver sustained serious injuries in a head-on collision between two buses of an engineering college at Anand Gardens Function Hall in Narsapur town on Friday morning. At least 20 students on board the two buses, belonging to BVRIT College, sustained bleeding injuries.

The deceased was identified as Nagaraju (50). The body was shifted to area hospital in Narsapur.

The condition of the injured student is said to be critical. They were also rushed to hospital. A case was registered.

BJP to hold protest on September 30

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

The BJP will hold a 24-hour protest to mount pressure on the State government to fulfil promises made to the farming community, especially crop loan waiver scheme, at Dharna Chowk on September 30. BJPLP leader A Maheshwar Reddy stated that the party had resolved to stand by the farmers in ensuring they get justice. The Congress had failed to fulfil the promises made during the Rythu declaration in Warangal and was delaying its implementation, he alleged. "It has been nine months since the government came to power but has been unable to implement any of its guarantees properly," he said.

A Lakeside Outing

People enjoy a pleasant evening as they take a stroll on Tank Bund, with the imposing Secretariat in the background.

Vana Mahotsavam drive fails to enthuse people

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

Forest Department had planned to plant 20 crore saplings this year and considering the pace of the plantations, achieving the target appears to be a challenge

There was a time when people from different sections actively participated in the annual plantation drive under Haritha Haram programme in the State.

After the Congress government came to power, the programme was renamed as 'Vana Mahotsavam' and was launched on July 3 this year. Save for formal plantations by Ministers and other elected public representatives at different programmes, there is hardly any participation from people. Considering the fact that nearly 50,000 trees had collapsed in Eturnagaram and neighbouring areas due to heavy rains last month, the plantation drive helps in covering the green cover loss.

In the past, school and college students, employees both from private and public sectors, NGOs and other organisations used to participate in the programme and plant saplings in their respective areas. Records were created by people and NGOs while taking up massive plantation drives. In 2022, the efforts of Mahabubnagar district administration in framing the 'Largest Seed Ball Sentence' with 73,918 seed balls and preparing 2.08 crore seed balls in 10 days had earned them a place in the Guinness book of Records.

The self-help group women had prepared 2.08 crore seed balls in just 10 days, surpassing their own record of preparing 1.18 crore seed balls in the past. Corporate companies were involved in saplings plantations and special programmes were organized to plant saplings on the birthdays, anniversaries and other auspicious occasions by the people.

Apart from the Forest Department, many other departments too used to plant saplings in their respective lands. But this year, there is hardly any such participation from different sections.

The rainy season will end in a few days. Generally, the plantations are done during the July to September period as it would aid in survival of the saplings. This year, the plantations at ground level, especially in urban areas under Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority and Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation are not so encouraging.

The Forest Department had planned to plant 20 crore saplings this year and considering the pace of the plantations, achieving the targets appears to be a challenge. However, forest officials claim that plantation drives were being taken up in different places covering vast areas and the targets would be definitely achieved. In fact, targets for 2025-26 had also been fixed, a senior official said.

Sitarama project works to be expedited

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

Close on the heels of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's review of priority projects in Krishna and Godavari basins, the Telangana Irrigation Department on Friday decided to expedite administrative clearances, tender processes, and land acquisition formalities to accelerate the pace of works on the Sitarama project.

During a marathon session held at Jala Soudha on Thursday, the Chief Minister reviewed the progress of all ongoing projects. Discussions included the prioritisation of projects and funding through the green channel. As a follow-up, Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy, Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswar Rao, and Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy held detailed deliberations with irrigation officials on the Sitarama project. Key officials, including Irrigation Advisor Adityanath Das, Irrigation Secretary Rahul Bojja, and Special Secretary Prasant Jivan Patil, also participated in the discussions.

The Ministers emphasised the need to complete the project within the stipulated time frame, as desired by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, who inaugurated the project's pump house on August 15.

In Brief

HYDERABAD
Rs 20 crore to CMRF

The Reliance Foundation on Friday made a contribution of Rs 20 crore to Telangana Chief Minister's Relief Fund. The representatives of the Reliance Foundation met Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy here on Friday and handed over a cheque on behalf of Nita Ambani, an official press release said. Several prominent personalities, including mega star Chiranjeevi, and corporates made contributions to the Telangana CM's Relief Fund to help people hit by heavy rains and floods earlier this month. PTI

HYDERABAD
Champions felicitated

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy announced a cash reward of Rs 25 lakh each to chess champions, including world third rank holder Arjun and world eleventh rank holder Harika, in recognition of their outstanding performances at the recently concluded 45th FIDE Chess Olympiad held in Budapest, Hungary, from September 10 to 23. Both the Indian Men's and Women's teams made history by winning team gold medals, with Arjun also securing an additional individual gold medal for India. The Chief Minister felicitated the chess champions at his residence here on Friday. The felicitation ceremony was graced by Agriculture Minister T Nageswara Rao and MLA Nayini Rajender Reddy, and Advisor Vem Narender Reddy.

SANGAREDDY
Engg student ends life

An engineering third-year student committed suicide by hanging in her hostel room on the GITAM University campus on Friday. She was Nagalli Varsha (19), a native of Anantapur district in Andhra Pradesh. The Patancheru police reached the spot and shifted the body to area hospital in Patancheru for post-mortem. A case was registered. The reasons for her decision to end her life were not ascertained immediately.

HYDERABAD
Viatris' CSR initiative

Viatris has contributed Rs 6.4 crore under its Corporate Social Responsibility activity to provide nutritious breakfast to 28,000 students in 312 schools in Kodangal constituency represented by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy. On Friday, Head of India CSR and Administrative Services Michelle Dominica signed MoU with HKM Charitable Foundation CEO Kaunteya Dasa in the presence of the Chief Minister. KADA Special Officer Venkat Reddy was also present on the occasion.

BRS issues ultimatum to govt

Harish sets Dasara deadline for implementing complete crop loan waiver across State

STATE BUREAU
HYDERABAD

In a fresh ultimatum to the Congress government, former Minister and senior BRS MLA T Harish Rao has set the upcoming Dasara festival as a deadline for implementing a complete crop loan waiver across the State. If failed, he warned that the BRS will lead State-wide protests, storm Hyderabad with scores of farmers, and lay siege to the Secretariat.

Participating in farmers' protests at Nangunur mandal headquarters in Siddipet district on Friday, Harish charged Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy with betraying farmers by failing to deliver on his election promise of waiving loans up to Rs 2 lakh. He said Revanth Reddy, who had claimed that the loan waiver would be his first action upon assuming office, is yet to fulfil this key promise. "If the Congress is serious about helping farmers, it should implement the loan waiver without further delay. We will not rest until these promises are fulfilled," he said.

Former Minister and BRS leader T Harish Rao participating in farmers' protests at Nangunur mandal headquarters in Siddipet district on Friday.

Due to the Congress government's inefficiency to provide financial assistance, he said farmers were struggling to secure crop investment. The BRS leader did not hold back in his criticism of Revanth, accusing him of offering empty promises and failing to act. "Revanth Reddy said loans would be waived with his first signature, but farmers are still waiting. This is not leadership; it's betrayal," he said.

Pointing out inconsistencies in the Congress government's financial commitments, Harish said the projected Rs 49,000-crore loan waiver has now been reduced to Rs 17,000 crore, with many farmers left in the lurch. "In Nangunur alone, 11,000 farmers applied for loans, but only 5,000 have received waivers. This disparity shows the Congress' lack of commitment to its own promises," he said.

In response to the Congress leaders' remarks, the BRS legislator said he pledged to resign from his MLA post if the Congress government implemented the six guarantees it promised during the election campaign, including the loan waiver and Rs 4,000 pensions for senior citizens. "The promises you made are more important than my MLA post. I'll happily give up my position, if it means real help for the farmers. But the Congress government neither implemented complete loan waiver nor fulfilled all of its six guarantees," he said.

He said the Chief Minister was passing time by giving lame excuses, making baseless statements and spreading false propaganda, but failed to implement at least one of the electoral promises made to farmers in the last 10 months. "Neither will I rest nor will I let you sleep peacefully until all your promises are fulfilled," he asserted.

Harish said the Chandrashekhar Rao government provided Rythu Bandhu investment assistance to farmers without a break, despite the Covid-19 pandemic. However, he said the Congress government had not only failed to provide enhanced Rs 7,500 per acre as promised for the Yasangi season, but also did not release funds for the current Vaanakalam. "For KCR, it's farmers first," he said.

The former Minister also spoke about the dire situation farmers are facing under the Congress regime. He compared the current government's failure to deliver on promises with the proactive measures taken by the previous K Chandrashekhar Rao-led administration. "Under the BRS, farmers were provided with 24-hour electricity, timely fertilisers and financial assistance through schemes such as Rythu Bandhu," he said.

Harish accused Revanth of being out of touch with rural realities, highlighting how former Chief Minister Chandrashekhar Rao improved rural infrastructure, including irrigation through Mission Kakatiya, which restored ponds and increased agricultural productivity. He contrasted this with the current government, which he said has collapsed under the weight of its own false promises. He accused Revanth of spreading false propaganda against the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme and calling it a waste of public money. He demanded that the Chief Minister explain how Godavari water reached Mallanna Sagar and Ranganayaka Sagar, if it was true.

In Brief

MULUGU

Forest staff attacked

Three persons allegedly attacked forest officials with iron rods when they tried to stop encroachment inside the Tadwai range of the Eturnagaram Wild life Sanctuary. Forest Section Officer Vinod along with two Forest Beat Officers Sharath Chandra, and Suman, were on patrolling duty on Thursday night and the team spotted an earth mover being used to uproot trees and seized it. The earth mover was taken to the forest office and after some time the owner of the machine Ganta Suraj Reddy along with two others arrived and started attacking Vinod and other staff present at the office with iron rods.

Locals oppose identification of boundaries, FTL of tank

STATE BUREAU
Adilabad

Locals objected to officials of the Municipality and Revenue Departments trying to carry out a survey to identify boundaries and full tank level (FTL) of an irrigation tank at Khanapur here on Friday.

They raised objections about the survey and prevented the officials from conducting the activity. They apprehended that they would have to vacate the houses if the officials carried out the survey. They regretted that their lives would be thrown out of gear and claimed that they had been living in the area for many decades. Following the opposition from the locals, the officials left the area.

They said they planned to conduct the survey to identify the boundaries and FTL of the tank as per instructions of higher authorities. They said that they would bring the local people's opposition to the notice of the authorities, who would take a final call.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, Anjum Fatima D/o Md Abdul Sameer, R/o. H.No. 1-8-510, NBT Nagar, Wadder Basthi, Secunderabad, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500016 declare that name of my father and my mother have been wrongly written as Abdul Sameer Mohammed and Mahboob Banu in my Passport No. C2022869. The actual name of my father and my mother are **Md Abdul Sameer** and **Mehboob Banu** respectively. [TT-25520]

I, Usha Jyothi Madakam Krishna Mohan D/o. Krishna Mohan Madakam R/o. 3-87/6/d, Plot No 46, Aditya Nagar Phase 1, Gurramguda 501510 have changed my name to **Usha Jyothi Madakam** for all purposes. [TT-12041]

I, MOHAMMED ABDUL CHENNU alias MAHOMMED ABDUL CHENNU S/o. MOHAMMD ABDUL SHAKEER R/o. House Number 18-288/4/A Venkatramana Colony Shad Nagar Mahabubnagar Telangana-509216 changed my name to **CHENNU.** [TT-8312]

I, Abdul Gaffer R/o. 19-4-340/54/49/72/1, Arsha Mahal, Kishan Bagh, Bahadur Pura, Hyd-500064, T.S. Changed My Name As **Abdul Gaffar** S/o. Shaik Abdula. [TT-11476]

I, Keshav Padma. W/o Keshav Srinivas Rao R/o. 103A Badruka Apartment, Rd no 12 Khairtabad Hyd -34, TS. Changed my name as **Keshav Padma Rao.** [TT-8266]

I, Chaitanyakumari Kethireddy R/o. 1-22/1, Machapur Village, Siddipet, T.S-502276. Changed My Name As **Singireddy Chaithanya Reddy** W/o. Singireddy Sampath Kumar. [TT-11476]

I, Manual Ivan R/o. 10-1-834, F.No. 302, Rose House Apts, Ac Guards, Saifabad, Khairatabad, Hyd, T.S. Changed My Name As **Arokia Manual Ivan** S/o. Bastian Arokia Swamy. [TT-11476]

I, Ruheena Tabasum Parvin R/o. 42-923, Bagh E Hydri, Moulali, Malkajgiri, Hyd-500040, T.S. Changed My Name As **Ruheena Tabasum** W/o. Mohammad Mohsin Ali. [TT-11476]

I, SHAIK RASOOL BE R/o. H.No: 12-2-416/24 and 25/B F no. 101, Ushodya Colony, Gudimalkapur, Hyderabad-500028 passport bearing no. N4095832 hereby change my father's name MASUM BAIG to **MOGHAL MASOOM BAIG** for all future purposes. [TT-11578]

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I, JAFFAR MOHAMMED R/o. HNo. 8-8-61/1, Dilkush Nagar Behind IDPL Colony Old Bowenpally Medchal Dist 500037 TS. Changed My Name As **JAFFER MOHAMMED** S/o. MOHAMMED HASSAN MIAN [TT-8366]

I, SHEIKH AHMEDPASHA CHANDPASHA R/o. 4-1-1/32/2/D, Boggulakunta King Koti Abids, Hyderabad-500001, TG. Changed My Name As **SHAIK AHMED PASHA** S/o. SHEIKH CHAND PASHA [TT-8366]

I, MOHAMMED QUAYUM ABDUL R/o. 10-3-283/4/3, F.No.101, Haseen Mehdi Complex Humayan Mehdipatnam Hyd- 500028 TG. Has Changed My Name As **MOHAMMAD ABDUL QUAYUM** S/o. MOHAMMED AMANUDDIN [TT-8366]

I, Kotha Padma D/o. Kotha Sathyanarayana Reddy R/o. 1-2-320/1, FNo. 204, Venkat Sainagar Cly, West Venkatapuram, Sec'bad TS, 500015, Changed My Name As **Chilukuri Padma** W/o. Chilukuri Venkateshwarlu. [TT-8366]

I, Banoth Bangaramma D/o. Banoth Manza R/o. 3-8, Kalvapally, thanda, Allipuram, Suryapet, TS-508204, Changed My Name to **Banoth Mahi.** [TT-8366]

I, RANGAPURAM KRISHNA VIDYA SAGAR R/o. 42-329, ANJAIAH NAGAR, JAGADGIRIGUTTA, CYBERABAD- MEDCHAL-500037, TS. Changed my name as **RANGAPURAM VIDYA SAGAR** S/o. RANGAPURAM PRABHU SAGAR. [TT-8366]

I, RANGAPURAM KRISHNA PRABHU SAGAR R/o. 42-329, ANJAIAH NAGAR, JAGADGIRIGUTTA, Cy'bad -Medchal -500037, TS. Changed My Name as **RANGAPURAM PRABHU SAGAR** S/o. RANGAPURAM KISTAPPA [TT-8366]

I, PEDDIREDDY VARA LAKSHMI R/o. F.No. 102, SREENIDHI HILLTOP APTS, OPP D MART, MADHURA HILLS, SHAIKPET, HYD-500008, T.S. Changed My Name As **GADAM VARA LAKSHMI** W/o. GADAM ARAVIND KUMAR. [TT-8366]

I, SARANG PRAMOD KAME S/o. PRAMOD DHONDIRAMJI KAME, R/o: B1005, Aparna Cyber Commune, Kanchi Gachibowli Road, Nallagandla, Hyderabad-19, has Changed My Daughter's Name from SARASI, to SARASI SARANG KAME. Hence she shall be known as **SARASI SARANG KAME** for all future Purpose. [TT-8367]

I, Mohammed Naseer Ahmed Khan S/Mohammed Nazeer Ahmed Khan R/o:13-6-434C/111, Maruti Nagar, Mehdipatnam HDFC Bank, Golconda,Hyd Has Changed My Name as **NASEER AHMED KHAN** S/o Nazeer Ahmed Khan [TT-8367]

I, SHABANA D/o Late Muzaffar, R/o. H.No: 17-1-30/138, Ramchandra Nagar, Edi Bazar, Hyderabad, T.S. Have Changed My Name as **SHABANA TABASSUM** [TT-8367]

I, THOODUPUNOORI RAVIKUMAR S/o. Thoodupunoori Srinivas , R/o: H.no. 4-469/B, Prem Nagar New Hafeezpet, Near Sai Rama School, Miyapur, Ranga Reddy -500049, TS., Changed My New Name As **THODUPUNOORI RAVIKUMAR** S/o Thodupunoori Srinivas, Bearing Passport No: M2700931. [TT-8367]

I, MOHAMMED AYUB KHAN S/o Late Raheem Khan R/o 18-13-132/A/47, Ismail Nagar, Bandlaguda, Hyderabad, T.S. Has Changed My Name as **AYUB KHAN** [TT-8367]

I, SYEDA KHATIJA HAFEEZ Resident Of 5-3-302/11, Police Quarters Goshamahal Nampally Hyderabad 500012. Change My Name As **SYEDA KHATIJA** Wife Of MOHAMMED NASEER UDDIN [TT-8368]

I, MOHAMMED YASEEN R/o. 12-2-184 MURAD NAGAR OPP AHMED CAFE HYDERABAD TG-500028 Changed My Name As **MOHAMMED YASEEN PATEL** S/o. ABDUL HAFEEZ [TT-8368]

I, Rafiqunnisa. W/o. Mohammed Abdul Haq, R/o. F.No. 1002, Block-D, Aparna, Sarovar zenith, Nallagandla, RR dist., TS. Changed My name as **Rafiqunnisa Begum.** [TT-8368]

I, Manthena Divya Sruthi, W/o. Manthena Karteek Varma, R/o. F.No. 201, Dr DVR res, Addagutta Society, Kukatpally, Medchal, TS, Changed My name as **Penumatsa Divya Sruthi.** [TT-8368]

I, ZAYADA BEGUM W/o. MOHAMMED HUSSAIN PASHA R/o. 9-4-61/132, MEHRAJ Cly, Tolichowki, Golconda, Hyd, TS-500008 Changed My Name to NAME **ZAHEDA BEGUM** [TT-8368]

I, Mohammed Hussain S/o. Mohammed Jahangir R/o. 9- 4-61/132, MEHRAJ Cly, Tolichowki Golconda Hyd, TS 500008 Changed My Name to **MOHAMMED HUSSAIN PASHA** [TT-8368]

I, RABINDRA NATH DAS Resident of: H.No. 8-2-69, SECOND BAZAR, SECUNDERABAD - 500003. Telangana have Changed My Name to **RABIN DAS** S/o. UPIN DAS. [TT-8368]

I, Suresh Babu Kunnatha Nelloli, S/o.Mr. Govindaiah Kunnath Nelloli, R/o. 5-105/63/ 11/201, Sai Ram Residency, Bhavanipuram, Ameenpur Vill, Sangareddy Dist -502032, TS. changed My Name as **Suresh Babu Kunnath Nelloli** [TT-8368]

N Anitha W/o. Lambada Pawar Chandra Shekhar R/o. H.No: 3585, Phase-2 MIG, Tellapur, Ramachandrapuram-502032. Have Changed My Name As **Lambada Pawar Anitha Veni** [TT-8369]

I, MOHAMMED MOINUDDIN KHAN R/o.5-6-124, Maruthi Nagar Karim Nagar -Mdl Karim Nagar District TS Changed My Name to **MOHAMMAD MOINUDDIN KHAN** S/o.Mohammad Noor Khan [TT-8369]

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I, ASIYA BEGUM D/o. MOHAMMED ALI, R/o. H.No. 19-3-262/51/8/6, Vattepally, Falaknuma, Hyd-53,T.S.Have lost my Original Passport No.B8194328, While Travelling from My Home to Xerox Centre on 20/9/24. if Anyone Found Pls **Cont: 9121951122** [TT-8367]

I, Kondra Satheesh S/o. Rayamallu Kondra R/o: H.No: 12-5-54, Goodshed Road, Moosapet Sanathnagar-500018 TS. I have Lost My Passport Bearing No. S6486122, At HYD lost my Passport while taking xerox copy at Sanathnagar Signal , Near Near Demart. if anybody found **Contact -9966313998** [TT-8369]

I, SEKURI ANUSHA, W/o. Late. SEKURI ANJANEYULU REDDY, R/o. H.No. 1-28, Kammeta Village, Chevella Mandal, Rangareddy-Dist, That my husband was owner of the land bearing in Sy.No. 196/E, in Sy. No. 196/E1. total adm 150 Sq yards in Plot No. 46 (Eastern part West part) situated at Sri Surya Colony. Peddamamgalaram (Vi), Moinabad Mandal, R.R.Dist. That the above land original Document No. 4948 of 2018 dated 24-05-2018. the same has been lost by me while travelling by Bike from Kammeta to Chevella -Village & Mandal, R.R-Dist, on 20-08-2024 at evening hours. if anyone found please **contact: 99485 37505** [TT-8369]

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SAIKIRANKUMAR P. S/o. BALRAJGOUD P. R/o. H.No. 4-80 Adibatla Village, Ibrahim patnam Mandal, R.R. Dist-501510-T.S. I, Changed My New Name As: **PALLE SAI KIRAN KUMAR GOUD** S/o. PALLE BALRAJU GOUD.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SHEKAR P. S/o. MALLESH P. R/o. H.No. 4-80/2. Adibatla Village, Ibrahimpatnam Mandal, R.R. District 501510 - T.S. I, Changed My New Name As: **PALLE SHEKHAR GOUD** S/o. Palle Mallesh Goud

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I. **Sajida Banu** W/o Syed Hussain Talat, R/o H.No.16-8-34/1, Chanchalguda, Gachibowli, Hyderabad -24, holding Passport No. F691981 , has changed my name as **SAJIDA BANO** for all future purposes

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Chilukuri Radhika, W/o. Chilukuri Venkata Nageswara Subba Rao, R/o. Flat No. 209, NCL Godavari Homes, Quthbullapur Medchal Malkajgiri Dist, Hyd-500055. my husband name was wrongly mentioned in my Passport no: H2913085 as Chilukuri Subba Rao but his correct name is Chilukuri Venkata Nageswara Subba Rao, so both names **Chilukuri Venkata Nageswara Subba Rao** and **Chilukuri Subba Rao** is one and the Same person that is my husband only

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It is hereby informed to all the General Public that my client SMT KOTHA SHIRISHA, W/o Kotha Dhanraj had lost Original Link Registered Sale Deed bearing Nos.1405/1987 and 1406/1987 in respect of Plot Nos. 3/A, 3/B, admeasuring 200 sq.yds in Sy.No. 205/A, Anmagal Hayathnagar Village and Mandal, Ranga Reddy District while going to Kothapet from L.B.Nagar on bus.

If any person or persons finds the said Original Link Registered Sale Deed bearing Nos. 1405/1987 and 1406/1987 the same may be handed over to the undersigned as a law abiding citizen. Further, the above said original document shall not be abused or misused or otherwise utilized by unauthorized person. If any unauthorized person makes misuse of it, the same shall not bind my client.

Hence this Public Notice.

Sd/- **S. BHASKAR**
Advocate
H.No. 17-98, Flat No.G-3, Sri Sai Nivas Apartments, Kamalanagar, Dilsukhnagar, Hyderabad-60.
Cell: 8985610363

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General public are hereby informed that my client **R.C.S. Vamshi** is the sole and absolute owner and possessor of two properties i.e., (i) all that House bearing No.4-8-730/23 (SCB No.8-20-036) PTIN PT08B93148503 admeasuring 75 Sq.Yds, ACC Built up area 200 Sq.Ft (ii) all that House bearing No.4-8-730/24 (SCB No.8-20-035) PTIN PT08B93148511 admeasuring 75 Sq.Yds, ACC Built up area 200 Sq.Ft situated at Adarsh Nagar, Kalasiguda, Bollarum, Secunderabad Cantonment. The general public are hereby called upon that, if any individual/ Bank/ Financial Institution has any objections, claims, right, lien, title over the above referred property, may contact the undersigned within 14 days from the date of publication of this notice with relevant documents in support of their claim, otherwise my clients will treat that there are no claims / objections from the general public, proceed with the sale transaction and my clients will not be bind by any claims made thereafter on this property.

T.N. Sreenivasulu, Advocate
M/s.Sree Legal Associates,
 # 303, RIVIERA APTS,
Dwarakapuri Colony,
Panjagutta, Hyderabad 500082
Cell: 9848148999
Sreelegalassociates@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General public are hereby informed that my client **Balda Sravanthi** is the absolute owner of all that House No. 3-2-63/2/146P, on Plot No.146/Part, fallen in Sy. No.147, 148 and 151/Part, admeasuring 100 Sq. Yds., ACC Plinth area 100 Sft., situated at Bhavani Nagar, Mallapur, Uppal Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District by virtue of Regd. Release Deed No.2486/2015 dated 13.03.2015 executed by R.Sathamma and R. Saibaba, who along with Balda Sravanthi are the exclusive legal heirs the legal heirs of late R.Yadagiri, except them, there are no other legal heirs to him. The general public is hereby called upon that, if any individual or bank or financial institution has any objections, claims, right, lien, title over the above referred property, may contact / approach the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice with relevant documents in support of their claim, otherwise my client will treat that there are no claims / objections from the general public and my client will not be bind by any claims made thereafter on this property and he will proceed with the registration of the property on his name.

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Woman drowns in Godavari

NIRMAL: A 45-year-old widow accidentally drowned in Godavari river, while she was taking a holy dip in Basar. Basar Police said that Jaya met a watery grave in the river. Her relative, who was accompanying her, was about to be drowned but was rescued. Jaya was taking a holy dip as a part of a ritual following death of her mother-in-law and husband.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are hereby informed that Mrs. Nemali Anitha D/o. Mr. K. Vishwanatham is proposing to mortgage the below mentioned property in favor of my client RBL Bank Ltd.. having one of its office at Ameerpet, Hyderabad in order to avail a loan facility. Therefore, this notice is caused calling for any claims, objections whatsoever in this regard. In the event of any such claim/ objection etc., they may contact the undersigned in the below mentioned address with all relevant documents within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. In case, no objections are received, my client will proceed further and accept the mortgage, treating that no claims, objections or disputes on the said property.

Schedule of Property

All that the Property bearing Municipal No.4-13-30/I, admeasuring 105.0 Sq. yards or 87.79 Sq.meters consisting of Ground, First and Second Floors situated at Pokalwada, Manikonda Municipality, Ranga Reddy District and bounded by: North: 10' Wide Road South: Neighbours House East: Open Plot West: Neighbours House.

Sd/- **RAJA GOPAL REDDY**
Advocate
Flat No. 105, Sai Swaroop Apartments, Lane beside to Hotel Central Park Hyderaguda, Hyderabad -29
Mobile Nos: 9866313940, 7893242731

PUBLIC NOTICE
(FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY)

General public is hereby informed that our client Mr. Mohammed AfrozuddinS/o: Mohammed Salahuddin, R/o: H. No. 2-3-423/410/B21/Q14, MCH Colony, Amberpet, Hyderabad. T.S. Aadhar No.2811 4881 5651, PAN No. BQIPM4161M., Mobile No.9985481217, has entered into an agreement of sale with: **(1)** Mr. MOHAMMED HUSSMAN QURESHI, S/o: Late Mohammed Yakub Sahab, R/o. H No. 9-3-125/260/A, MD Lines, Second Lancer, Golconda, Hyderabad. T.S. Aadhaar No.7571 5453 1419, PAN. No. ENIPM7521M. **(2)** Mr. MOHAMMED KHAJA MIYA, S/o:Late Mohammed Yakub Sahab, R/o. H. No. 12-14-139, Vinoba Nagar, Lalapet, Secundrabad, T.S. Aadhaar No. 3934 5268 6120, PAN No. EOVPM6361H. **(3)** Mr. MOHAMMED AZIZ QURESHI, S/o:Late Mohammed Yakub Sahab, R/o. H. No. 2-4-377/21, Nehru Nagar, Kachiguda, Hyderabad, T.S. Aadhaar No. 8737 0082 4522, PAN No. ABBPQ7473M. For the purchase of all that Residential House Property in Plot No. 6, covered in Sy. Nos. 792., bearing it's Municipal No. 12-8-468, admeasuring about 154.00 Square yards, equivalent to 128.75 Sq.Mts, Vide PTIN No's. 1291233132, 1291233131, 1181210985, Situated at Mettuguda, Secundrabad, T.S., bounded by:

NORTH : H. No. 12-8-466 on Plot No. 5
SOUTH : Neighbors House.
EAST : Road.
WEST : Road.

and our client has paid a considerable amount as an advance. Any person or persons, Government Bodies, Local Bodies, Agents, or any individual having any objection, claims whatsoever over the above said property they may contact the undersign within 07 days from the date of this publication/Notice with all relevant and Original Documents failing which the sale transaction will be completed and thereafter no objections or claims will be entertained.

MOHAMMED AFZAL PASHA Advocate
Office: 2-3-19, Beside,Golnaka, Amberpet, Hyd. - 13
Mob:9542484348, 9849228971

Narayana's 4th episode of podcast released

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

Narayana Educational Institutions released the fourth episode of their podcast series, Guidecast by Narayana, titled 'Digital Dependency and Addiction.'

The episode sheds light on the growing issue of digital dependency among children and its profound impact on their mental and emotional well-being. The episode draws attention to the alarming rise in digital device usage among children. A 2022 survey revealed that 27 per cent of children aged 9-13 have access to smartphones, spending an average of 3.4 hours online daily. Even more concerning, 87 per cent of children aged 12-15 and 80 per cent of those aged 6-11 use smartphones regularly. These statistics underscore the increasing integration of technology into young lives, prompting urgent discussions on its benefits and drawbacks. Digital tools, when utilised wisely, can indeed be beneficial. They provide access to vast information, networking opportunities, and educational resources. However, the episode also highlights the darker side of excessive digital consumption, it said, adding that prolonged screen time can lead to digital addiction, disrupting children's social interactions, attention spans, and emotional intelligence.

It sheds light on the issue of digital dependency among children and its impact on mental well-being

Wonderla unveils new attractions

Actor Naga Chaitanya and others during the launch of new ride, G-Fall at Wonderla Hyderabad on Friday.

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

Wonderla Holidays Ltd, an amusement park chain, on Friday unveiled two thrilling new attractions — Hyperverse and G-Fall — at Wonderla Hyderabad. The rides were inaugurated by actor Naga Chaitanya, alongside Managing Director Arun K Chittilappilly, COO Dheeran Choudhary, and Wonderla Hyderabad park head Madhu Sudhan Gutta.

The G-Fall, a towering free-fall ride, stands at a height of 40 metres. With 12 riders seated around a circular gondola, it delivers an intense, high-thrill plummet, making it an unmissable experience for adrenaline lovers. Hyperverse offers a cutting-edge Metaverse 3D Theatre experience, accommodating over 30 people per session for an immersive 5-minute viewing. Featuring an 8K high-resolution display, 360° surround sound, and 270° light and shadow design, it transports guests into breathtaking flying scenes with stunning 3D visuals. "The new ride, Hyperverse signifies a bold step into the future of immersive technology, blending innovation with imagination in a remarkable way. As for the G-Fall, it is our newest foray into the realm of extreme thrills, ensuring an unforgettable adventure for all who dare to experience it," Arun said. To book tickets, visit the online portal https://bookings.wonderla.com. Customers can also buy the tickets directly from the park counters on their day of visit. For more details, contact 084 146 76333 or 91 91000 63636.

Nine-member SIT to probe laddu row

YSR Congress Party demands Supreme Court-monitored investigation

PTI
AMARAVATI

The Andhra Pradesh government has appointed a nine-member special investigation team (SIT) to probe the alleged issue of adulterating Tirupati laddus (consecrated sweet) with animal fats.

Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu alleged during a recent NDA legislative party meeting that the erstwhile YSRCP government did not even spare Sri Venkateswara temple and used substandard ingredients and animal fats for making laddus. The allegations sparked a massive controversy across the country, hurting the sentiments of crores of Hindus.

"The Government of Andhra Pradesh, in accordance with its commitment to protecting the sanctity of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD), has considered it necessary to constitute an SIT for detailed and comprehensive investigation of the entire issue," said Chief Secretary Neerabh Kumar Prasad in a late night order on Thursday.

TTD is the official custodian of Lord Venkateswara temple in Tirupati.

On September 22, the CM announced at his Undavalli residence that an SIT will probe the alleged sacrilege of adulterating the laddus.

The SIT is headed by Guntur range Inspector General of Police (IGP) Sarvashresth Tripathi and other police officials. However, YSRCP leaders said that probing the allegations by an agency reporting to the CM is insufficient and called for a Supreme Court-monitored probe. Earlier, P Sudhakar Reddy, former additional advocate general, said the truth in the laddu allegations should not emanate from an investigation agency working under Naidu.

The SIT that will probe the TTD prasadam controversy will be headed by Guntur range IGP Sarvashresth Tripathi.

Naidu appeals for respecting conventions, traditions

AMARAVATI: Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Friday appealed to pilgrims visiting the Tirumala temple to follow the conventions and traditions. This comes amid the demand by the BJP and Jana Sena that YSR Congress Party chief Jaganmohan Reddy should give a declaration of his faith before entering the Sri Venkateswara temple.

Both BJP and Jana Sena are partners in the coalition government headed by the TDP. CM Naidu has already slammed Jagan for visiting the Tirumala temple during his tenure as the chief minister without signing the declaration of faith which is mandatory for all non-Hindus visiting the temple.

Stating that the Tirumala temple is the largest shrine in the world for the Hindus, Naidu said on Friday that the people of AP are fortunate enough to have such a divine place in the state. "My government accords the highest priority to safeguard the sanctity of the Lord of the Seven Hills and to preserve the sentiments of the devotees. Each pilgrim who visits Tirumala for the darshan of the Lord takes utmost care to follow the conventions and traditions to offer prayers to the Lord," he said. IANS

In Brief

KOLKATA

Minor raped by tutor

A minor girl was allegedly raped by her tutor in West Bengal's South 24 Parganas district and the accused has been arrested on Friday, police said. Acting on a complaint filed by the victim's parents, District Police officials arrested the accused, a Railways employee, from the government quarter allotted to him. Preliminary investigations revealed that besides working as a railway staff, the accused used to teach local students on weekends. As per the complaint, the victim was in a state of shock for quite some time, following which she was taken to a counsellor. PTI

MATHURA

Fraudster living as seer arrested

A man who allegedly defrauded thousands of people in Maharashtra of more than Rs 300 crore was nabbed after he was found living in the guise of a seer here to evade arrest, police said Friday. Baban Vishwanath Shinde was held near the Krishna Balaram Temple in Vrindavan in a joint operation by the Vrindavan and Beed district police, they said. According to police officers here, Shinde was wanted in connection with multiple FIRs of fraud totalling around Rs 300 crore. PTI

Another Mpox case reported in Kerala

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Kerala Health Department on Friday said another Mpox case was reported in the state and urged those who have symptoms to seek treatment. The State had reported the country's first confirmed case of the new strain earlier this week.

A high-level evaluation meeting was held on Friday to evaluate the situation, the State Health Department said. State Health Minister Veena George said the contact list of the patient has been prepared and the preventive measures have been taken.

The Minister urged everyone who reached the state from abroad to approach the Health Department in case of any symptoms and seek treatment. "Isolation facilities have been arranged in all the districts," the Minister said. On September 23, the Health Department announced plans to release revised guidelines for prevention and treatment of Mpox. George had said that instructions were issued to take necessary action if the number of cases increases. Official sources had earlier said that India had reported the first case of the Mpox strain in a patient from Kerala who tested positive. They had said that the Clade lb strain was detected in a 38-year-old man from Malappuram district who had recently returned from the UAE.

Since the WHO's 2022 declaration of Mpox as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, 30 cases have been reported in India. PTI

Monsoon Peaks

An elderly man and a child share an umbrella to shield themselves from rain in Chandigarh on Friday. — Photo: PTI

'Illegal transportation of sand continues unabated'

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

Illegal transportation of sand and unauthorised sand quarrying continues unabated in the State. Taking irregularities to the next level, now fake documents are being created for sale and illegal transportation of sand. Huge quantity of sand was allotted to Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board by the Telangana Mineral Development Corporation Limited (TGMDC). However, these allocations were made based on fake documents, alleged BRS leader Manne Krishank.

"1,50,000 metric tonnes of fine sand worth Rs 150 crore was allotted to Water Works (HMWSSB) by TSMDC based on fake documents. When lorry drivers realised that the sand was not used for the Water Works Department but diverted for illegal purposes, they raised complaints with the HMWSSB. Government revenue was looted. This crime happened from TGMDC," he said on X.

"How did they approve without any official document verification? RTIs are not replied. An inquiry should happen against the Corporation. But who can conduct a fair investigation when corruption has taken place in Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's own department," he said.

All these irregularities are recurring despite Chief Minister's warnings to Mines and Geology Department officials to mend their ways. In February, the Chief Minister had warned the Mines and Geology officials that unauthorised sand quarrying and illegal transportation should be stopped immediately. Despite his instructions, many complaints were being lodged across the State. The CM had warned that all officials should change their practices within 48 hours. Officials were directed to identify trucks involved in illegal sand transportation based on tollgate data on all routes. All existing sand reaches and dumps should also be checked, he had said.

The Chief Minister added that vigilance and ACB officials should be deployed and inspections should be carried out in all districts. No officer should be spared in case of any violation, he had instructed but these orders were hardly followed by the department officials.

NIA gets an earful from Telangana HC

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
Hyderabad

A division Bench of the Telangana High Court, comprising Justice Moushumi Bhattacharya and Justice Nagesh Bheemapaka, strongly criticised the National Investigation Agency (NIA) for adopting conflicting positions before various High Courts to serve its interests.

This ruling arose during the Bench's consideration of applications for condonation of a 390-day delay in challenging orders issued by a Special Court. The court examined arguments presented by SM Rizwan Akhtar, counsel for the appellant, and Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Special Public Prosecutor for the NIA, regarding the applicability of Section 5 of the Limitation Act to appeals filed under Section 21(5) of the NIA Act.

After reviewing decisions from multiple High Courts, the Bench affirmed that Section 5 was indeed applicable. In a pointed observation, the judges noted the "diametrically-opposite stances" taken by the NIA, describing the agency's inconsistent approach as a "flip-flop."

GIC set to plant Jammi trees

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

On the occasion of Dasara, Green India Challenge (GIC) is all set to launch another innovative programme. As per the initiative, Jammi which is Telangana State tree, will be planted in every village and every temple. The poster for the programme was unveiled by former Rajya Sabha member and GIC founder Joginapally Santosh Kumar on Friday and the priest of Swarnagiri temple. Jammi tree which since the Vedic period is revered by everyone was recognised as the State tree by the previous government led by Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao.

Since Jammi is endangered due to several factors, Santosh Kumar has come up with the slogan 'Uru Uruko Jammi Chettu - Gudigudiko Jammi Chettu' on behalf of Green India Challenge.

In Telangana, it is customary to worship Jammi tree on Dasara and it is also customary to exchange Jammi leaves with relatives and wish them good luck. In view of its importance, Santosh Kumar announced during the poster release held at Swarnagiri temple that during the upcoming Dasara Navratri festivities, the Jammi tree programme will be started in each village and temple.

Power at subsidised rates

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

The Telangana Southern Power Distribution Company Limited (TGSPDCL) has come up with a new scheme to provide agricultural connections to farmers for Rs 5,000. Officials said Rs 508.95 crore had been allocated for this scheme to be implemented in Nalgonda, Suryapet, Saroornagar, Medak, Vikarabad, Yadadri, Narayanpet, Rajendranagar, Gadwal, Rangareddy, Sangareddy and Mahabubnagar operation circles.

Under this scheme four to five HP pump sets will be connected from a 25 KVA transformer. Agricultural fields which are away from power lines will be given priority. Each connection will cost Rs 75,000. However, a farmer will be asked to pay only Rs 5,000 and the remaining Rs 70,000 will be borne by the government.

BRS team studies BC quota policy in TN

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

The BRS delegation on Friday met several prominent Backward Classes (BC) leaders, organisations and also government officials of Tamil Nadu as part of their study of the State's reservation policies.

The study tour by the 40-member delegation is to draw lessons from Tamil Nadu's social reforms and recommend policies to the Telangana government to uplift BCs.

Former Tamil Nadu Chief Secretary Rammohan Rao, while meeting with BRS leaders in Chennai, lauded Telangana's progress under Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao and appreciated BRS' efforts in addressing BC concerns. He explained about the long struggle for BC rights that originated in the Madras Presidency and commended Tamil Nadu's progressive approach, which culminated in the implementation of 69 per cent reservation in education and jobs.

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Sd/- Hon. Secretary

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DEMAND NOTICE –U/S 13(2) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002 READ WITH RULE 3(1) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

Notice is hereby given to undermentioned borrower(s), guarantor(s) & mortgagor(s) who has defaulted in re-payment of the loan facility(ies) obtained by them from **HDFC Bank Ltd.** and whose loan account has been classified as non-performing asset (NPA) on **26.09.2023.** The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of HDFC Bank Ltd under Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) of the said Act, read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued demand notices u/s 13(2) of the said act on **19.09.2024** (the said notice), on their last known addresses, but few of them have returned un-served, thus they are being informed by way of this public notice to the undermentioned borrower(s), guarantor(s) & mortgagor(s).

Name & Address of the Borrower / Guarantor / Loan Account Number	Demand Notice Date & Amount with NPA Date
1. **M/s Keminntek Laboratories (Borrower), Represented by its Partners** Plot No. 10/11, Road No. 5, IDA Nacharam, Near CDC Tower, Medchal-Malkajgiri, Telangana State – 500076, Phone No: 040 29704569; 9177846399; 8886811153, 9963384404, Email ID: srinivas@ keminnteklabs.com; accounts@keminnteklabs.com 2. **Mr. Kolupula Srinivas (Guarantor),** S/o Mr. Kolupula Narsaiah #9-94/7, Plot No. 76, Laxminagar Colony, HUDA Layout, Near NTR Statue, Boduppal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Telangana – 500039. Phone No.: +91 9177846399, Email ID: srinivas@keminnteklabs.com 3. **Ms. Peddolla Vijaya Laxmi (Guarantor),** D/o Mr. Balaiah Jangili #3-39, Ramannaguda, Nyalata, Rangareddy District, Telangana – 501503, Phone No.: 9858190581, 9963384404, Email ID: peddolavijaya@ gmail.com, **Also at** Ms. Peddolla Vijaya Laxmi, D/o Mr. Balaiah Jangili, Flat No. 202, Manbhum Kakatiya Apartments, Street No. 1, Kakatiyanagar, Opposite Sai Baba Temple, Habsiguda, Hyderabad, Telangana – 500007, Phone No.: 9858190581, 9963384404, Email ID: peddolavijaya@gmail.com 4. **Mr. K Srisailam (Guarantor),** S/o Mr. Kolupula Narsaiah, #9-94/7, Plot No. 76, Laxminagar Colony, Huda Layout, Near NTR Statue, Boduppal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Telangana – 500039, Phone No.: 8866358540; 9866358540, Email ID: srishailam_0205@yahoo.co.in 5. **Mr. Kollu Balraj (Guarantor),** S/o Mr. llaiah Kollu, H.No. 2-129/5, Vijayapuri Colony, Near Balaji Nursing Home, Ward-13, Uppal, Rangareddy District, Telangana – 500039, Phone No.: 9393005551. Email ID: kolu.srinivas@gmail.com 6. **Ms. Katta Swathi (Guarantor),** W/o Mr. Katta Venkata Laxmi Narsimha Reddy, #9-10 Main Road, Near NTR Statue, Boduppal, Ghatkesar, Boduppal, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana – 500022	**Demand Notice dated 19.09.2024,** due amount as per the demand notice for **Rs. 7,51,33,381.10** (Rupees Seven Crore Fifty One Lakh Thirty Three Thousand Three Hundred Eighty One and Paisa Ten Only) together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. from **31.08.2024. Date of NPA is 26.09.2023**

S No	Description of Immovable Property	Mortgagor
1	**Property- (Covered by Sale Deed No.:15866/2016 of SRO UPPAL):** All that the Building on Plot No. 10/11, in Survey Nos. 49, 50 & 51, admeasuring Ac.0-10 Gts, or 1210 Sq. Yds., or 1011.56 Sq. Mtrs., consisting cellar, with plinth area 3260 Sft., Ground Floor, with plinth area 3260 Sft., First Floor, with plinth area 2480 Sft., Second Floor, with plinth area 1686 Sft. & Third Floor, with plinth area 1686 Sft., (with R.C.C), Situated at I.D.A Nacharam, Under G.H.M.C., Kapra Circle-I, Uppal Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, **and bounded by:** North: 40' Wide Road, South: Hyderabad Ply Wood Industry, East: Land of V. David Christopher, West : S.O.L & R&D.	M/s Keminnte Laboratories

The above borrower, guarantor(s) & mortgagor(s) are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further step will be taken after expiry of 60 days, u/s 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002.

The borrower(s), guarantor(s) & mortgagor(s) attention is invited towards provision of sub-section 8 of sec.13 of the said Act, in respect of time available to redeem the securities.

Date: 28-09-2024
Place: Hyderabad
Sd/-,
Authorised Officer, **HDFC BANK LTD.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public are hereby informed that my client. **Mrs. JALADI RUPA, D/O. KOTHAPALLI RR TIRUMALESWAR,** R/o. Plot no. 20, 21 & 22, Jitendra Sai Nilayam, Flat No. 202, Road No.3A, Bandari Layout, Nizampet, Medchal-Malkajgiri Dist, Telangana-500090, is Divorced from **Mr. JALADI PHANI CHAKTRAVARTHI, S/O. JALADI SUBBARAO,** R/o. Pitlavani Palem, Guntur Dist, Andhra Pradesh, India, on 9th July 2017. As per the orders issued by Superior Court of Justice Ontario L6W 4T6, on 8th June 2017, CANADA.

C. SUBBA RAO
ADVOCATE-NOTARY
LIG-76, Dharmareddy Colony, Ph-1, KPHB Colony, Hyd- 72, T.G., Cell: 9391170066
Dt: 27-09-2024 Place: Hyderabad

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to all the general public that my client Vattam Mahesh, S/o Vattam Ramesh Babu, aged 49 years, residing at H.No. 16-2-705/1/12/A, Professors' Colony, Malakpet, Hyderabad-500036, state that in the morning of 26th September 2024, at around 11:00 AM, my employee, Mr. Manjunath M, while travelling from Road No.1, Masab Tank to the Sub-Registrar Office in Golkonda, on a bike. During the said travel, he lost a bag containing important original documents including Original copy of Agreement of Sale cum General Power of Attorney vide document No. 3442/2022, dated 28/05/2022, registered at the SRO, Golkonda, pertaining to Flat No. G1, 10-5-20, 10-5-20/1, and 10-5-20/2, Royal Homes Ramesh Serene PCH Apartment, Masabtank, Hyderabad, and another Original copy of Agreement of Sale cum General Power of Attorney vide document No. 3443/2022, dated 28/05/2022, registered at the SRO, Golkonda, pertaining to Flat No. G2, 10-5-20, 10-5-20/1, and 10- 5-20/2, Royal Homes Ramesh Serene PCH Apartment, Masab tank, Hyderabad. He has made his best efforts to trace the said documents, but, he could not trace it. Therefore, if any one found the said original documents i.e. Original copy of Agreement of Sale cum General Power of Attorney document No. 3442/2022, dated 28/05/2022, registered at the SRO, Golkonda, and another Original copy of Agreement of Sale cum General Power of Attorney document No. 3443/2022, dated 28/05/2022, registered at the SRO, Golkonda. Please contact the undersigned address along with the original documents within 7 days from the date of this publication, your services will be honoured.

Sd/- **KONDA SRINIVAS,**
Advocate
3-3-222- LB Nagar, Hyderabad-500074.
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"The institutions of peace are struggling, under pressure and outpoliticised. We will also change how the UK does things — listening a lot more, speaking a lot less

KEIR STARMER
British Prime Minister

The meaning of politics is 'samajkaran, rashtrakaran and vikaskaran' (social service, nation-building and development). But now, the definition has changed to 'sattakaran' (power politics) only

NITIN GADKARI
Union Minister

Modi ji's monopoly model has taken away jobs, devastated MSMEs. ...incompetent policies like a bad GST has turned India from a producing economy to a consuming one"

RAHUL GANDHI
Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha

A game-changer pact

India's ambitious plan to emerge as a global semiconductor manufacturing hub has been facing several hurdles and challenges. Though many attempts were made in the past, including the offer of a fairly attractive incentive policy to foster a home-grown chip-making industry, the outcomes have not been encouraging. However, the recent Indo-US agreement to set up a semiconductor fabrication plant to make chips exclusively for use in national security, next-generation telecommunications and green energy applications may well be a game changer. The deal, signed during the recent visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the United States, underscores India's growing strategic importance and cements its position as a trusted player in the global supply chain. This strategic pivot not only seeks to reduce dependence on China but also aims to build long-term resilience in sectors critical to modern technology and national security. As global power dynamics shift, New Delhi stands to benefit from its positioning as a trusted partner for America and its allies. One of the key factors driving this shift is the diversification of supply chains. The Covid-19 pandemic and the subsequent geopolitical tensions with China have exposed the vulnerabilities of a heavily concentrated global semiconductor supply chain.

As the world's second-largest manufacturer of semiconductors after Taiwan, China's unbridled dominance in this sector has raised concerns, especially for countries like the US, which view semiconductors as vital not only for consumer technology but also for national security. This is where India's importance comes into the picture.

> The Indo-US agreement to set up semiconductor plant cements India's position as a trusted player in the global supply chain

As a democratic nation with a growing manufacturing base, India offers an alternative to firms seeking to reduce their reliance on China. The proposed fabrication plant in the country will make infrared, gallium nitride and silicon-carbide semiconductors. This is the first time the US military has agreed to do a technology partnership for these highly valued technologies with India. The pact is widely seen as a watershed moment, comparable to the civil nuclear deal. The fab becomes not only India's first but also one of the world's first multi-material fab for national security. It will focus on three essential pillars for modern warfighting — advanced sensing, advanced communications and high-voltage power electronics. These three areas have huge growing needs for commercial sectors such as railways, telecom infrastructure, data centres and green energy. With this technology partnership, India joins a handful of elite nations with the capability and know-how to manufacture these types of semiconductors on shore. For a country to become a net security provider, it needs to become a net technology provider. India's current import bill for these semiconductors for national security alone is $1 billion a year. This became the first true bilateral semiconductor fab project as it amounted to raising the bar to a new high and going into true chip fabrication — considered the holy grail of semiconductors.

Evictions, the new weapon

Right to Land is a human right and government cannot bulldoze it

GEETARTHA PATHAK

Evictions are the latest weapon of the BJP government to target their critics, particularly the Muslims in many States ruled by the saffron party.

In a Public Interest Litigation, the Uttarakhand High Court ordered eviction of 4,000 families from railway land in December 2022. This ruling of the High Court affected more than 50,000 people living in this 2.2-km long stretch, most of whom were Muslims. The order was contested in the Supreme Court, which stayed the eviction order on January 5, 2023, while noting that the case had a humanitarian component that needed to be considered. The Supreme Court also mentioned that eviction needs to be accomplished following due process of law and after providing suitable rehabilitation to the ones getting evicted.

SC Intervention

While the Supreme Court intervened in the Haldwani case, directing the authorities to follow due process of law and after providing suitable rehabilitation to the evicted people, the government has not stopped rolling bulldozers on minorities and the marginalised groups. Thereafter, the Supreme Court on September 17 issued an order prohibiting the use of bulldozers by States for demolition of properties of those accused of crime without its permission, saying such action was against the ethos of the Constitution.

In Madhya Pradesh's Ujjain, another BJP-ruled State, the Municipal Corporation served an eviction notice to a majority of the Gulmohar and Gyarsi colonies' residents, who are mostly Muslims, to make way for the Kumbh Mela in 2028. In Uttar Pradesh's Muzaffarnagar, a 300-year-old mosque that came in the way of the 709 AD Panipat-Khatima highway was demolished road widening.

The Uttar Pradesh government has sent eviction notices to 47 families of Nutan Hardo village, Padrauna tehsil of Kushinagar, of which 44 are Muslims. Their homes and shops were vandalised while serving the eviction notices. Communal violence broke out in Nuh district of Haryana during a Hindu procession on July 31, 2023, and immediately spread to several adjoining areas. The authorities retaliated by illegally demolishing hundreds of Muslim properties and detaining many Muslim youths and men. Hearing the case, the Punjab and Haryana High Court questioned the BJP-led State government whether the government was conducting "ethnic cleansing".

On September 2, the Supreme Court heard multiple petitions against the demolition of houses of suspected criminals. Judges BR Gavai and KV Viswanathan challenged the legitimacy of demolishing a house solely because the owner was charged during the proceedings. The judges also said that one's house cannot be demolished even if one is a convict.

Targeting Muslims

The Uttar Pradesh government in a massive eviction drive in Lucknow's Akbarnagar demolished around 1,800 structures, including 1,169 houses and 101 commercial establishments belonging to Muslims on June 19, 2024. The BJP government plans to develop this area into the Kukrail Riverfront, transforming it into an ecotourism hub. Many residents have lived there for decades, with some claiming that they had been living there even before the development authority was formed. The authorities claim that the encroachers are Rohingya and Bangladeshi infiltrators.

In Assam, the police opened fire on residents of the villages whose houses were demolished on September 12 during an eviction drive in Kachutoli-1 and Kachutoli-2 villages near Sonapur, leading to the deaths of two teenage men. On September 9, the officials demolished 240-odd houses and according to government officials at the drive, they cleared 248 bighas of land in this "tribal belt", where only people belonging to the Scheduled Tribes were eligible to hold land titles. The evicted families kept their belongings on the vacated land or homes of their immediate neighbours. They do not know where will they go.

There are around 700 families living in the two villages. Around 80 families have been living here before Independence, according to Mainal Haque Choudhry, a Kachutoli resident and former president of Sonapur panchayat. The rest have settled here over the last 3 to 4 decades. Most of them have lost their home due to erosion of the bank of Brahmaputra and resettled in this part of barren lowland and developed the area. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma defended the eviction saying the displaced people were illegal migrants. "We will evict all the suspected citizens who have settled in the tribal belt," Sarma said. Interestingly there are nearly 50 Hindu Bengali families residing in the government land in Kachutoli, whose houses were not touched by the government.

> Since 2016, when the BJP government came to power in Assam for the first time, selective eviction drive has become a routine exercise

Doubts Rule

The BJP government which claims to run the double-engine government, has failed to detect and deport illegal migrants and expresses doubt on the citizenships of the Bengali-speaking Muslims of Assam. The government is acting based on doubt. The Sonapur eviction has received the support of the local tribal groups as the government claims that the eviction drive is to clear tribal belts. The opposition alleged that the eviction was a calculated move of the State BJP government before the 2026 Assam State Assembly elections to woo the Hindus and the tribal voters.

Since 2016, when the BJP came to power in Assam for the first time, selective eviction drive has become a routine exercise. In its first eviction drive, two Bengali-speaking Muslims were killed in police firing near the Kaziranga National Park. In September, 2018, the Assam police opened fire at villagers protesting eviction in Dholpur in Darrang district, killing two civilians. The eviction drive has continued since then. In the Pava reserve forest, 300 Muslim families were evicted on January 11, 2023, 500 families were evicted in Batadrava, a Vaishnabite shrine in Nagaon in December 2022. Assam's Sonitpur district administration carried out large-scale eviction in Bura Chapori Wildlife Sanctuary in February 2023 and in Kanara Satra, Barpeta, 40 families were evicted. The victims of all these selected eviction drives are Bengali-speaking Muslims.

In Assam, landlessness is a big problem among marginalised groups. It is caused by annual floods and the perennial problem of erosion of riverbanks. Many such flood-affected communities settle on government-owned land as they look for a livelihood. Instead of addressing the problem of landlessness, the Assam government is singling out Miya Muslims from among those occupying state-owned land, only because of their faith.

The right to land is integrally linked with other human rights, especially rights to food, adequate housing, self-determination, security of the person and home, work, livelihood, health and water. International consensus on the need for the legal recognition of the human right to land is growing. Several international human rights guidelines and documents recognise and protect the right to land. In view of such international guidelines, it is the duty of the state to give land rights to the landless people, particularly the marginalised. India being a welfare state with its commitment to human rights cannot pursue bulldozing policy, that too a communally selected one, to push the vulnerable people further into the pit of misery and acute poverty.

(The author is a senior journalist from Assam)

Letters to the Editor

Real problem

Kangana Ranaut has put her party on the spot by stating that controversial farm laws must be brought back and backtracked after the saffron party's intervention. The customary spin that this was her personal opinion doesn't hold water. Known for controversial utterances, the actor-parliamentarian can only be expected to rely on her instinctive understanding of issues. But there's a lesson for every party — rein in those crossing the line. As it is, the standard of election debates has been reduced to personal allegations, unreal claims and outlandish promises. The problem is not Kangana herself — if not her, someone else would speak her language. Parties need to reflect on the consequences of giving unhindered space to those who are uninitiated in the nuances of public life.

N SADHASIVA REDDY, Washington

Defection

Defection is a curse on democracy. ('Democracy and defections'. Sept 27). Politicians switch their loyalty deceiving the people who voted them to power. The anti-defection law is of no use. Why not introduce a bill to disqualify a defector soon after his/her defection? Or let the voters decide. It may bring some discipline to politics.

SRAVANA RAMACHANDRAN, Chennai

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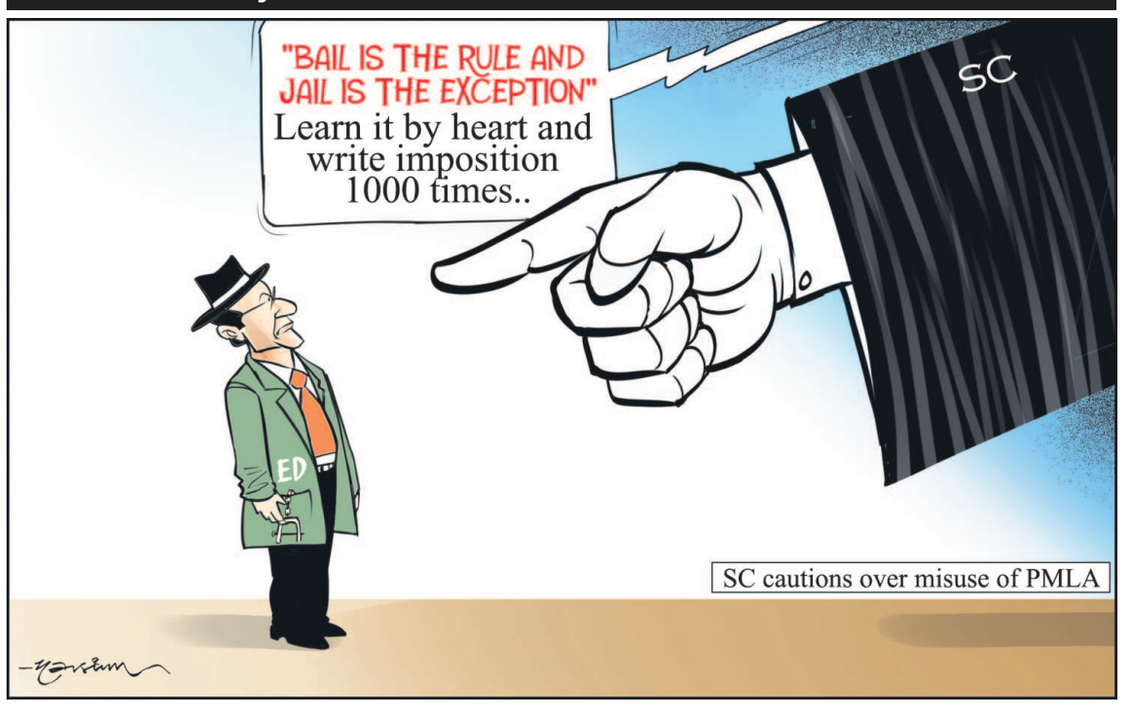

India in the hotspot

■ The Japan Times

Tokyo Electron prepares for expansion

Tokyo Electron is seeking to build a team of chip engineers in India to better ride Narendra Modi's government's push for more semiconductor manufacturing in the world's most populous country.

■ The Economist

India in labour-intensive manufacturing

Harish Ahuja is chairman of Shahi Exports. Two things surprise. He is expanding even as most peers struggle. It is also short of workers at a time when young Indians complain that their country offers too few jobs.

■ The Diplomat

Can India create its own 'Singapore'?

During a meeting with Singapore's PM Lawrence Wong, PM Modi said India wanted to create "'several Singapores" of its own. What did Modi mean by that, and is it possible for there to be several Singapores in India?

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Israel attacks Hezbollah HQ

Outfit's leader Hassan Nasrallah was target of strikes

Israeli soldiers work on tanks and armoured personnel carriers (APC) in northern Israel on Friday. — Photo: AP

AP
BEIRUT

The Israeli military said on Friday it struck the central headquarters of Hezbollah in Beirut, where a series of massive explosions leveled multiple buildings and sent clouds of orange and black smoke billowing in the skies in the biggest blasts to hit the Lebanese capital in the past year.

At least two people were killed and dozens were wounded, Lebanon's Health Ministry said. Three major Israeli TV channels said Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah was the target of the strikes in Beirut's southern suburbs. The unsourced reports could not immediately be confirmed by *The Associated Press*, and the army declined to comment. But given the size and timing of the blasts, there were strong indications that a senior leader may have been inside the buildings struck.

Netanyahu cuts short US trip

In a possible further sign of the strikes' significance, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu abruptly cut short a visit to the US and was returning home instead of waiting until the end of Sabbath on Saturday evening, his office said. News of the blasts came as he was briefing reporters traveling with him. Back home, Defence Minister Yoav Gallant's office said he was huddled with the head of Israel's air force and other top commanders at military headquarters, following updates. Israeli army spokesman Rear Adm Daniel Hagari said the strikes targeted the main Hezbollah headquarters, located beneath residential buildings. Six buildings in the Haret Hreik neighbourhood

Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah

of Dahiyeh were reduced to rubble, according to Lebanon's national news agency. Officials at a nearby hospital said they received at least 10 wounded, three critically, including a Syrian child. The Pentagon said the US had no warning of the heavy strikes in Beirut. Israel has moved thousands of troops toward the border in preparation.

25 killed in predawn strike

At least 25 people were killed in Israeli strikes early on Friday, Health Minister Firass Abiad said, bringing the death toll in Lebanon this week to more than 720. He said the dead included dozens of women and children. A predawn strike on Friday in the mainly Sunni border town of Chebaa hit a home, killing nine members of the same family, the news agency said.

'Will degrade Hezbollah'

At the UN, Netanyahu vowed to "continue degrading Hezbollah" until Israel achieves its goals. He said his government would no longer tolerate daily rocket fire from the area. "Israel has every right to remove this threat and return our citizens to their home safely... we'll continue degrading Hezbollah until all our objectives are met," he said to a gallery that — at least from the crowd noise — appeared replete with his supporters. "Just imagine if terrorists turned El Paso and San Diego into ghost towns... How long would the American government tolerate that?" he said, shaking his fist in emphasis. "Yet Israel has been tolerating this intolerable situation for almost a year. Well, I've come here today to say: Enough is enough."

He said he travelled to the UN to refute the untruths he had heard from other leaders on the same rostrum earlier in the week. "I didn't intend to come here this year. My country is at war fighting for its life," Netanyahu said. "But after I heard the lies and slanders levelled at my country by many of the speakers at this podium, I decided to come here and set the record straight." He insisted that Israel wanted peace but said of Iran: "If you strike us, we will strike you." He once again blamed Iran for being behind many of the problems in the region."For too long, the world has appeased Iran," Netanyahu said. "That appeasement must end."

Outfit vows to keep fighting

Not long before the explosions, thousands were massed in another part of Beirut's suburbs for the funeral of three Hezbollah members killed in earlier strikes, including drone commander Mohammed Surour. Hussein Fadlallah, Hezbollah's top official in Beirut, said no matter how many commanders Israel kills, the group has endless numbers of experienced fighters deployed all over the frontlines.

Former Defence Minister Ishiba to be Japanese PM

TOKYO

Shigeru Ishiba, the newly elected leader of Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party, holds a press conference in Tokyo. — Photo: AP

Japan's ruling party on Friday picked former Defence Minister Shigeru Ishiba as leader, setting him up to become Prime Minister next week. The party leadership win is a ticket to the top job because the Liberal Democratic Party's ruling coalition currently controls the parliament.

Considered a defence policy expert, Ishiba has proposed an Asian version of the NATO military alliance and a more equal Japan-US security alliance. Ishiba is a supporter of Taiwan's democracy. He calls for an establishment of a disaster management agency in one of the world's most disaster-prone countries. Ishiba beat out Economic Security Minister Sanae Takaichi, a staunch conservative who was running to become the country's first woman Prime Minister. A record nine lawmakers, including two women, ran in a vote decided by LDP members of parliament and about 1 million dues-paying party members. That's only 1 per cent of the country's eligible voters. Outgoing Prime Minister Fumio Kishida has been dogged by party corruption scandals, and the LDP wanted a fresh leader in hopes of regaining public trust before a likely general election.

Some experts believe that party turmoil could mean that Japan will return to an era similar to the early 2000s, which saw "revolving door" leadership changes and political instability. A succession of short-lived governments hurts Japanese prime ministers' ability to set up long-term policy goals or develop trusted relations with other leaders. On Tuesday, Kishida and his Cabinet Ministers will resign. Ishiba, after being formally elected in a parliamentary vote, will then form a new Cabinet later in the day. The main opposition — the liberal-leaning Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan — has struggled to build momentum, despite the LDP scandals. But experts say its newly elected leader, centrist former Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda, is pushing a conservative shift for the party, could trigger a broader political regroupings. AP

15 killed as landslide hits illegal gold mine

PADANG

A landslide triggered by torrential rains struck an unauthorised gold mining operation on Indonesia's Sumatra island, killing at least 15 people, officials said Friday. Dozens others were reported missing.

Villagers were digging on Thursday for grains of gold in the remote Solok district of West Sumatra province when mud plunged down the surrounding hills and buried them, said Irwan Effendi, head of the local disaster mitigation agency office. He said 25 people were still buried, and that three people were pulled out alive with injuries by rescuers.

Search efforts in the worst-affected area, near Nagari Sungai Abu village, were hampered by mudslides that covered much of the area, blackouts and lack of telecommunications. "The area can be reached by walking for four hours from the nearest settlement," said agency spokesperson Ilham Wahab told media persons on Friday. AP

Belgian PM, king blast Pope Francis

BRUSSELS

Criticise him for Catholic Church's horrific legacy of clerical sex abuse and cover-ups, demand action

Belgium's Prime Minister blasted Pope Francis for the Catholic Church's horrific legacy of clerical sex abuse and cover-ups here, demanding "concrete steps" to come clean with the past and put victims' interests ahead those of the institution in a blistering welcome at the start of Francis' visit on Friday.

The speech by Prime Minister Alexander De Croo was one of the most pointed ever directed at the Pope during a foreign trip, where the genteel dictates of diplomatic protocol usually keeps outrage out of the public remarks.

But even King Philippe had strong words for Francis, demanding the church work "incessantly" to atone for the crimes and help victims heal.

Their tone underscored just how raw the abuse scandal still is in Belgium, where two decades of revelations of abuse and systematic cover-ups have devastated the hierarchy's credibility and contributed to an overall decline in Catholicism and the influence of the once-powerful Catholic Church.

Francis applauded at the end of De Croo's speech and was expected to meet with victims in private later on Friday. "This is our shame and humiliation," he said in an improvised response. "Today, words alone do not suffice. We also need concrete steps," De Croo told Francis and an audience of royals, church officials, diplomats and politicians at Laeken Castle, the residence of Belgium's royals.

"Victims need to be heard. They need to be at the centre. They have a right to truth. Misdeeds need to be recognised. When something goes wrong we cannot accept cover-ups," the Prime Minister said. AP

'Protests against Hasina planned'

NEW YORK

Yunus introduces to American audience in NY "brains" behind "meticulously designed" protests

Bangladesh's chief advisor Muhammad Yunus introduced to an American audience here the "brains" behind the "meticulously designed" protests that led to the ouster of Sheikh Hasina from power.

Introducing the students at Clinton Global Initiative's annual meeting on Tuesday, where Yunus was welcomed by former US President Bill Clinton, the Nobel laureate suggested the protests against then Prime Minister Hasina and her Awami League were planned.

"These are known to be the brains behind the whole revolution. They look like any other young person, you will not recognise them. But when you see them in action, when you hear them speak, you will be shaking. They shook the whole country," said the 84-year-old Nobel laureate while introducing Bangladeshi student leaders.

Yunus specifically pointed towards student activist Mahfuj Abdullah, and called him the "brains behind the whole revolution". "He denies it repeatedly, he said not me many others. But that's how he is recognised, that he is the brain behind the whole thing," Yunus said.

"It was a meticulously designed thing. It just did not suddenly come. Very well-designed. Even the leadership did not know (him) so they could not catch him," Yunus said about the protests in Bangladesh that left more than 600 persons dead. "This is the Bangladesh. They are the ones creating the new version of Bangladesh," Yunus said of the student activists.

The leader said the protesting students "courageously stood against bullets" when the previous government acted against them. "Suddenly all young people got together and said, 'Enough is Enough'. We are not going to take it

'Ukraine counting on US support'

NEW YORK

Republican presidential nominee and former President Donald Trump meets Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy at Trump Tower in New York on Friday. — Photo: AP

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's request for a meeting with former US President Donald Trump materialised on Friday, during which he said Kyiv counts on US support to defeat Russia regardless of who occupies the White House after the November 5 US presidential election.

"It's very important to share, to share all the plan, all our steps, how we can strengthen Ukraine," Zelenskyy said while standing next to Trump in New York.

"And of course, we have to decide it now, because after November, we don't know who is, only Americans decide who will be the President, but we understand that till November, we can't stop (Russian President Vladimir) Putin. We have to do it. We will try on the battlefield with our heroic soldiers. But we understand that after November, we have to decide, and we hope that the strengths of the US will be very strong, and we count on it. That's why I decided to meet with both candidates," he added.

Trump, for his part, said the conflict between Ukraine and Russia, which has been going on for more than two years now, has to end. "At some point, it has to end," he added. The Trump-Zelenskyy meeting, which was held at Trump Tower in New York and confirmed by Trump only one day prior -- making Zelenskyy to change his itinerary and stay for an extra day in the US -- came on the heel of the Ukrainian leader's respective meetings on Thursday with President Joe Biden and Vice-President Kamala Harris, who's also the Democratic presidential nominee running against Trump.

Both Biden and Harris vowed continued US support for Ukraine. Ahead of his meeting at the White House with Zelenskyy, Biden announced additional military assistance worth a total of $7.9 billion. He directed the Department of Defence to allocate all of its remaining security assistance funding appropriated for Ukraine by the end of his presidential term in January.

Harris, while meeting Zelenskyy, grasped the opportunity to slash Trump for the latter's criticism over what he said was Zelenskyy's lack of willingness to negotiate a peace deal with the Russians. "...there are some in my country who would instead force Ukraine to give up large parts of its territory," Harris said. IANS

Honour killing: Newlywed couple shot dead in Pak

LAHORE

In the latest case of honour killing in Pakistan, a newlywed couple was gunned down for contracting a love marriage in the country's Punjab province, police said on Friday.

The incident took place on Thursday in Bahawalnagar, around 400 km from Lahore. Police said Tayyaba Fatima, 21, wanted to marry her cousin Naeem Abbas, but her family was against her choice. The family objected that Naeem was a divorcee with a girl child. "However, a couple of months ago, Fatima eloped with Abbas and they contracted court marriage. The couple started living in another village of Bahawalnagar after the marriage," the police said.

On Thursday, six people, including Fatima's father and two brothers, who got to know about the couple's whereabouts, reached their residence and opened fire. The couple was killed on the spot while Abbas' minor daughter from his first wife was injured, police said. PTI

In Brief

ISLAMABAD

Azerbaijan buys Pak jets

Azerbaijan has purchased multi-role JF-17 Block III fighter jets from Pakistan reportedly under a $1.6 billion deal. "A contract for the sale of JF-17 Block-III fighter aircraft" to Azerbaijan was signed recently, the Pakistan Army said. It is believed the agreement was inked in February. Reports in Azerbaijan media have claimed the aircraft were acquired under a $1.6 billion deal. PTI

WASHINGTON

Submarine sinks

Satellite imagery showed that China's newest nuclear-powered attack submarine sank alongside a pier while under construction, a senior US defence official said on Thursday. The sinking of China's first Zhou-class submarine represents a setback for Beijing as it continues to build out the world's largest navy. The submarine likely sank between May and June this year. AP

OTTAWA

MP blasts petition

A prominent Canadian MP of Indian origin has criticised a petition seeking a fresh inquiry into the bombing of Air India Flight 182 of 1985 to determine the involvement of any "foreign intelligence", alleging that it promotes "conspiracy theories" of Khalistani extremists. The Montreal-New Delhi Air India 'Kanishka' Flight 182 exploded 45 minutes before it was to land in London. PTI

ISLAMABAD

46 killed in Pak violence

A minor dispute between two families over sowing of crops has turned into massive sectarian tribal clashes, leaving at least 46 dead and more than 80 injured within a span of eight days in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province's Kurram tribal district bordering Afghanistan. The district has been one of the most sensitive regions in the Pakistani province. IANS

B'desh reach 107/3 on rain-hit Day 1

Akash scalps two, Ashwin takes one wicket as visitors struggle

India's Akash Deep unsuccessfully appeals for leg before wicket against Bangladesh's Mominul Haque during the first day of the second Test cricket match between India and Bangladesh at the Green Park Cricket Stadium in Kanpur. — Photo: AFP

PTI
KANPUR

Pacer Akash Deep was impressive in a probing opening spell while Ravichandran Ashwin removed the dangerous Bangladesh skipper Najmul Hossain Shanto before rain halted India's progress in the second Test on the opening day, here Friday.

Given the forecast, it was expected to be a weather-hit contest from the beginning. Only 35 overs could be bowled after Rohit Sharma invited Bangladesh to bat in overcast conditions as the visitors struggled to 107 for three after a brief resistance through Shanto (31).

Mominul Haque (40 batting) and veteran Mushfiqur Rahim (6) were at the crease when the heavens opened up. Overnight rain had delayed the start of the match by an hour. Heavy overcast conditions influenced India's team selection as the hosts kept all three pacers from the Chennai Test, which meant that local boy Kuldeep Yadav missed out on another Test match.

Akash (2/14 in 10 overs), who bowled round the wicket to the left-handers, consistently hit the good length areas and got the ball to either shape away or come in with the angle. Shanto (57 balls, 4x6), batted with positive intent, if not combative, to ensure Bangladesh didn't lose way from the start.

As expected, the initial bounce and seam movement had openers Zakir Hasan and Shadman Islam playing in a circumspect manner. Islam (24) worked the ball around but an overcautious Hasan (0) simply couldn't get going. Jasprit Bumrah had the openers squared up as the away-going deliveries kept landing in Rishab Pant's gloves.

Mohammed Siraj induced edges that flew to the slip cordon but none carried to the fielders'. Shadman hit a couple of boundaries off Bumrah in a single over, the first was a flick off the pads, and the second was an uppish drive. On the other side, Hasan consumed 23 dot balls and was yet to open his account.

Akash, who came in as a second change, ended his misery by inducing an edge that flew to Yashasvi Jaiswal who went low on his right to grab the chance. Akash soon sent back Shadman with a ball that came in and caught him in front of the wicket. The opener reviewed the decision but to no avail.

Shanto, who has been in good rhythm, began with two shots to the fence. He also got a boundary off Siraj but those were not the cleanest of hits. His reverse sweep off Ashwin though stood out. Ashwin, who did not get a wicket in the opening session, trapped Shanto in the third over of the second session. Shanto played for the turn but was beaten. The umpire had no hesitation in raising his finger. The Bangladesh skipper reviewed the decision hoping against hope.

Seasoned Mominul grew in confidence as he spent more time at the crease. He hit two boundaries off Akash in a single over and later hit an exquisite drive through mid-off. He raised Bangladesh's hundred with another four.

Only nine overs were bowled in the second session when bad light stopped play even as the floodlights were on, forcing the players off the field. Drizzle followed and soon it was pouring.

STREAMING NOW

Cricket: Ind vs B'desh, Day 2 2nd Test, 9.30 am on Sports 18 & JioCinema

SL vs NZ, Day 3 2nd Test, 10 am on Sony Sports Ten 5

In Brief

VIENTIANE (LAOS)

India U20 lose to Iran

India went down to four-time champions Iran by a solitary goal in their second Group G match of the AFC U20 Asian Cup Qualifiers 2025 at the Lao National Stadium KM16. After keeping their rivals at bay for most of the match, the Indian goal fell in the 88th minute when Yousef Mazraeh managed to beat Indian custodian Priyansh Dubey. It was a creditable show by the Blue Colts against a team considered traditional powers of Asian football. IANS

BENGALURU

Megha, Tijan to lead India

Asian Para Games medallists Megha Chakraborty and Tijan Gawar will lead India's campaign in the 12th IBCA World Junior and Women Chess Championship for the Blind and Visually Impaired to be held here from Saturday. The nine-day meet conducted under aegis of All India Chess Federation for the Blind, is being staged in Asia for the first time. Apart from India, top 32 players from nations such as USA, Poland, Sweden and Ukraine are taking part. PTI

Teen lifter smashes national record

LEON (SPAIN)

Competing in the Junior World Championships, teenage Indian weightlifter Maibam Martina Devi on Friday smashed the senior national record in clean and jerk as well as total lift in the women's 87kg weight category in a stunning performance here. The 18-year-old from Manipur also bettered her own junior national record in snatch.

Betters own record

Devi lifted 101 kg in snatch to finish sixth in the seven-woman field and bettered her own earlier junior national record of 95 kg set in July last year in Greater Noida by 6 kg.

Then she lifted 136 kg in clean and jerk which was 8 kg better than the earlier senior national record of 128 kg in the name of Manpreet Kaur of Punjab. She finished fifth in the competition. Devi's earlier best — also junior national record — in clean and jerk is 123kg. That meant she lifted 13kg more than her previous best in clean and jerk. Devi's total lift of 237kg — for a sixth-place finish — was 6 kg more than the earlier national senior record of 231 kg in the name of Ann Mariya of Kerala. PTI

AITA chief faces no-trust motion

MUMBAI

Engaged in a court battle with players Somdev Devvarman and Purav Raja over its failure to adhere to the National Sports Code, the All-India Tennis Association (AITA) is facing more turmoil with eight State tennis associations proposing a no-confidence motion against its president Dr Anil Jain and preparing for legal action if it fails to assuage their concerns.

The eight State associations including Maharashtra, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Assam, Tripura and Gujarat have sought action against the AITA president alleging that he caused monetary losses to the federation by travelling abroad with his family. An Extra-ordinary General Meeting (EGM) has been called in New Delhi on Saturday to discuss this issue, a senior tennis official from Maharashtra said on Friday.

In response, Dr Jain moved an application for an urgent hearing and stay on the EGM but a Delhi court disallowed the plea. The matter has now been listed on Monday. The EGM can be held on Saturday. In the letter seeking EGM, the eight 'rebel' State associations accused Dr ain of misusing the organisation's resources by taking his family abroad several times, Jain, an MBBS doctor and a consultant with Apollo Hospital, Delhi, is a Rajya Sabha MP and a former National General Secretary of the Bharatiya Janata Party. Jain will now be hoping to convince the court on Monday and get a stay on any decision passed by the EGM. Both groups are consulting their respective legal teams to prepare the groundwork for Saturday's battle in the EGM and the consequences thereafter.

If the resolution against Jain is passed on Saturday, he will become the first AITA chief he be removed from his post.

The latest move means, the AITA is facing a lot of legal challenges in a year in which it is to elect its new office-bearers. Just when it looked like everything was going smoothly and many of the bigwigs would be elected unopposed, Somdev and Purav threw a spanner in the works by approaching the Delhi High Court accusing the AITA of flouting the National Sports Code in the run-up to the AGM. President Anil Jain had already lost the support of many office-bearers with Rohit Rajpal being propped up as a presidential candidate whereas the secretary and treasurer's post would have gone unopposed. IANS

Bangla cricket fan 'falls ill', hospitalised

KANPUR

A well-known Bangladeshi cricket fan, who dresses as a tiger, had to be hospitalised after "falling ill" while watching the second Test against India at the Green Park Stadium here, an incident that he first indicated to be a case of physical assault.

Self-proclaimed super fan Robi, a regular in his team's games and is often seen waving the Bangladeshi flag, was in stand C and had to be carried out of the stadium in a state of distress.

"He was gasping for breath when he met a constable. He became unconscious before we could speak to him, but now he is fine," Additional Commissioner (L& O) Harish Chander said. During a interaction with Robi indicated that he had been punched in his abdomen during an altercation. However, in a statement from his hospital bed later, he said he merely felt unwell and was given the requisite assistance by the local police. PTI

Pakistan umpire Aleem Dar to retire

KARACHI

Aleem Dar, the Pakistan umpire who has officiated in 448 international matches so far during his over 20-year career, on Friday decided to bid adieu to the profession at the end of the 2024-25 domestic season. Respected for his umpiring judgement and a clean career sheet, Dar has been a distinguished member of the ICC's Elite and International Panels from 2003. It reflected in the 56-year-old Dar winning the David Shepherd Trophy for the ICC Umpire of the Year (2009-2011) thrice in his career.

"Umpiring has been my life for nearly 25 years and I have cherished the privilege of officiating some of the most iconic matches involving the greatest players of this generation," Dar said in a statement. "Throughout my career, I've strived to uphold the highest standards of sportsmanship, and it has been an honour to work alongside some of the finest match officials in the world," he added. Dar said he will now focus on charity work.

Dar has so far officiated in a record-breaking 145 Tests, 231 ODIs, 72 T20Is, 5 T20 World Cups, 181 First-Class matches, and 282 List-A matches. PTI

Bravo retires from all forms of cricket, to mentor KKR

NEW DELHI

World Cup-winning West Indies all-rounder Dwayne Bravo has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket and will join IPL side Kolkata Knight Riders as its mentor, a move that marks the end of his long-standing association with Chennai Super Kings.

In KKR, the 40-year-old will replace Gautam Gambhir, who left the role to take over as India's head coach earlier this year. Bravo's last season in the Caribbean Premier League was cut short due to an injury he sustained earlier this week. "Today is the day I say goodbye to the game that has given me everything," he wrote on Instagram on Thursday.

"Twenty-one years as a professional cricketer - it's been an incredible journey, filled with many highs and a few lows. Most importantly, I was able to live my dream because I gave you 100 at every step. As much as I'd love to continue this relationship, it's time to face reality." Bravo had stepped away from international cricket in 2021 while concluding his Indian Premier League career last year.

He won three Indian Premier League titles as a Chennai Super Kings player after joining the franchise in 2011. He then became the team's bowling coach in the 2023 season. He also worked as a consultant with the Afghanistan men's team. "DJ Bravo joining us is an exciting development. His relentless drive to win, along with his vast experience and deep knowledge, will greatly benefit our franchise and players," Knight Riders Group CEO Venky Mysore said in a media release on Friday.

The 40-year-old will replace Gautam Gambhir, who left the role of KKR mentor to take over as India's head coach earlier this year.

Apart from KKR, he will be in charge of the other franchises under the Knight Riders label in T20 leagues. The new role puts an end to his long association with CSK. "We're also pleased that Bravo will be involved with our other franchises globally, including CPL, MLC, and ILT20," Mysore said.

Talking about his role in KKR, Bravo said: "I've been part of the Trinbago Knight Riders for the last 10 years in the CPL. Having played for and against the Knight Riders in various leagues, I have a lot of respect for how they operate.

Body can no longer endure the pain

Ahead of the ongoing CPL season, Bravo had declared it would be his final tournament. However, a groin injury sustained while fielding against the St. Lucia Kings in Tarouba earlier this week cut his CPL stint short.

"My mind wants to keep going, but my body can no longer endure the pain, the breakdowns, and the strain. I can't put myself in a position where I might let down my teammates, my fans, or the teams I represent," Bravo wrote in his Instagram post.

"So, with a heavy heart, I officially announce my retirement from the sport. Today, the Champion bids farewell." During his illustrious career, Bravo played 582 T20 matches and took 631 wickets, besides scoring nearly 7,000 runs.

"Though this ending is bittersweet, I have no regrets about my career or this decision. Now, I look forward to my next chapter. Once again, thank you. See you soon on the other side," he added. PTI

Zim Afro T10: Munsey scores 38-ball century

HARARE

George Munsey put on a masterclass at the Harare Sports Club on Day 6 of the second season of Zim Afro T10, as he scored the first century ever in the history of the competition to take Harare Bolts to a record total, and in the process knock Durban Wolves out.

Batting first, the Scotsman, known for his ability to hit a long ball, scored a 38-ball 100, and remained unbeaten. He smashed 10 sixes, and six fours as Bolts posted 173/2 in 10 overs. IANS

Lakshmi, Vrinda Rathi on ICC panel for Women's T20 WC

DUBAI

Match referee G S Lakshmi and umpire Vrinda Rathi were the Indian names in a 13-member all-female panel of match officials announced by the ICC on Friday for next month's Women's T20 World Cup to be held in the United Arab Emirates. The panel has three match referees and 10 umpires. The tournament will be held from October 3 to 20.

Meanwhile, Australia's Eloise Sheridan and Lauren Agenbag of South Africa have been appointed as on-field umpires for the marquee India vs Pakistan match at the Dubai International Stadium on October 6. Jacquline Williams of the West Indies will be the television umpire. The tournament begins on October 3 with the opening clash between Bangladesh and Scotland, which will be officiated by Claire Polosak of Australia and Agenbag. India will begin their campaign on October 4 against New Zealand, which will be officiated by Williams and Anna Harris of England, with Polosak as the TV umpire. New Zealand's Kim Cotton and Agenbag will be the on-field umpires while England's Suzanne Redfern will be the TV umpire for India's game against Sri Lanka on October 9. Redfern and Cotton are the on-field umpires for India's match against defending champions Australia on October 13, while Williams will be in charge of TV duty.

The umpires and match referees for the semifinals and final, on October 17, 18, and 20 respectively, will be announced later. PTI

Kamindu equals Don, SL in command against NZ

GALLE (SRI LANKA)

Kamindu Mendis matched Don Bradman as the joint third fastest player to 1,000 test runs as Sri Lanka tightened its grip on New Zealand in the second Test on Friday. Sri Lanka declared at 602-5 in its first innings and left New Zealand reeling at 22-2 by stumps. With three full days left to play, the Kiwis face a mountainous challenge to avoid a second defeat.

Kamindu reached the 1,000-run milestone in just his 13th test innings, sharing the honour with Bradman, who achieved the feat in 1930 against England at Headingley. Only England's Herbert Sutcliffe and West Indies great Everton Weekes reached the landmark in fewer innings, doing so in 12 knocks. In a career that has blossomed rapidly, Kamindu notched his fifth century before lunch and second century in two tests. Later, with audacious flair, he brought up his 1,000th run by stepping down the track to Rachin Ravindra and smashing a towering six straight back over the bowler's head.

This remarkable achievement made him not only the fastest Sri Lankan but also the quickest Asian to the milestone, surpassing the likes of Sri Lanka great Roy Dias (23 innings) and India's Vinod Kambli (14) .The crowd's celebrations were bittersweet, however, as Sri Lanka declared before Kamindu could reach his maiden double century.

He was unbeaten on 182 off 250 balls, an innings laced with 16 boundaries and four massive sixes. "Kamindu Mendis has been sensational for us this year," teammate Angelo Mathews said.

Sri Lanka's Kamindu Mendis plays a shot during Day 2 of the Test between Sri Lanka and New Zealand in Galle on Friday. — Photo: AP

"He is doing stuff that none of us were able to do early in our careers. He is very matured, knows his game and plays very positively. Even in the first test, we were under tremendous pressure after a collapse and he rescued us with a hundred. In the second test, the pitch was not doing much, but his concentration was amazing. He just kept on batting. It was a terrific knock. Kamindu has made runs everywhere. He was player of the series in Bangladesh this year when wickets weren't the easiest to bat on. Then, when we went to England, it was seaming all over and he batted so beautifully. Then again, here, on turning tracks he has looked a class apart."

Kamindu found strong support from Kusal Mendis, who shrugged off recent struggles to post an undefeated 106, his 10th Test century.

Demoted to No. 7 in the order after disappointing performances, Kusal responded with a measured innings, combining with Kamindu for an unbroken 200-run partnership, the highest sixth-wicket stand for Sri Lanka against New Zealand on home soil. AP

FORECAST
Rain or thundershowers would occur towards afternoon or evening

Max. tem: 30.7°C
Min. tem: 23.1°C
RH: 65%
Rainfall: Trace

In Brief

HYDERABAD
Engineers conclave

The 11th Engineers Conclave 2024, an annual flagship two-day event organised by DRDO in collaboration with Indian National Academy of Engineering, was inaugurated by Dr Anil Kakodkar, former Chairman, Ato mic Energy Commission and Dr Samir V Ka mat, Chairman, DRDO. The event brings toget her engineers, scientists and others to discuss emerging tech in indigenisation.

HYDERABAD
Certificate programme

The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Raipur announced its certificate programme in entrepreneurship, specially crafted for aspiring entrepreneurs, commencing November 6. The programme has been designed to nurture and empower aspiring entrepreneurs by providing them with the essential skills and practical knowledge needed to launch and manage successful businesses.

HYDERABAD
VNRVJIET bags award

VNR Vignana Jyothi Institute of Engineering and Technology received the Global Education Excellence Award. The award was presented by Principal Secretary to Government (Revenue) Navin Mittal to VNRVJIET representatives Prof B Chennakesava Rao and Dr Kiran Chakravartula in a programme jointly organised by University of Windsor (Canada) and Global Education and Careers Forum.

Jr NTR shines in high-octane thriller

His presence commands attention, especially in fight sequences

Post-RRR, audiences have eagerly awaited 'Devara', and it is safe to say that NTR Jr delivers beyond expectations with a truly terrific performance. From the moment he appears on the screen, his presence commands attention, especially in the film's intense and raging fight sequences. It's been a while since we've seen him in such a thrilling avatar, and the action is nothing short of spectacular.

High-octane moments and sheer madness permeate the film, making the action sequences the talk of the town, with each one raising the bar for Telugu cinema. The underwater sequence, in particular, is breathtaking, leaving the audience on the edge of their seats. The film's soundtrack, composed by Anirudh Ravichander, adds another layer of brilliance. His songs and background score leave a lasting impact, with certain sequences sending the audience into a frenzy. The Ayudha Pooja song, in particular, is pure celebration on the big screen, positioning itself as the next cinematic phenomenon.

The theatres have transformed into concert halls, with fans vibing to the music in unison. Anirudh's fresh and stunning sound is perfectly paired with the film's grand visuals, heightening the larger-than-life experience that Devara demands to be seen on the big screen.

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Devara explores the theme of fear at its core, with the director masterfully contrasting two powerful forces across the film's two halves. NTR Jr's character Devara is layered with complexity. At the same time, the opposing force also played by NTR Jr Vara, adds depth to the narrative, providing emotional resonance that connects with all sections of the audience.

Title: Devara
Director: Kortala Siva
Cast: Jr NTR, Janhvi Kapoor, Chaitra Rai, Saif Ali Khan, Prakash Raj, Shrikanth, Ramya Krishnan

In a powerful and layered role, Saif Ali Khan exudes a commanding presence as Bhaira, embodying the perfect ruthless antagonist. His character's clash with NTR Jr's Devara and Vara is electric, and Saif's nuanced performance elevates the film's emotional stakes. Janhvi, on the other hand, brings grace and strength to her role, marking a significant leap in her career.

Her chemistry with NTR Jr is palpable, and she holds her own amidst the film's grand scale, adding heart to the high-octane action drama. The visuals are top-notch, and the grand scale of filmmaking by Kortala Siva sets new standards for Indian cinema. This is a remarkable cinematic achievement that offers thrills, emotions, and an unforgettable spectacle that should not be missed. IANS

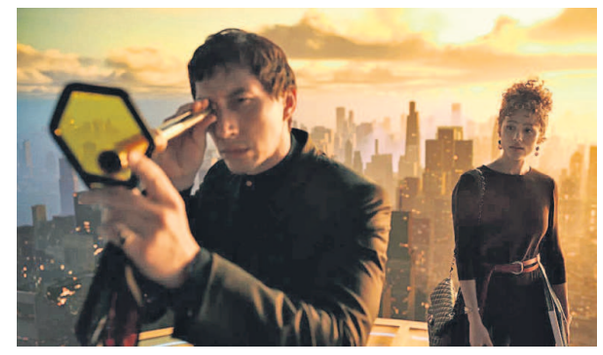
Too many elements leave viewers baffled

If anything is clear about 'Megalopolis,' it's that Francis Ford Coppola has a lot on his mind. The legendary filmmaker spent decades on this Roman-style epic, set in the present day, about a civilization on the brink of collapse.

A wealthy and powerful few of the old guard are running the gilded city of New Rome into the ground, a new generation is embroiled in a stalemate of a culture war between hedonists and Puritans, and a visionary architect caught in the middle is dreaming up a different future.

But none of that captures the wild experience of actually watching 'Megalopolis,' a sprawling, operatic, clumsy, and fascinating film that should inspire discussions for many years to come. 'Megalopolis' is a bacchanalia that's bursting with so many ideas, so many characters, so many great lines, and truly terrible ones as well that it's nearly impossible to digest in a single, baffling viewing.

Center to this story is Adam Driver's Cesar Catilina, an artist who can stop time and who believes that a substance called Megalon, a shimmering people mover that can be used to make a translucent dress or reconstruct a face mangled by a gunshot, is the way to a utopia. Driver is utterly misused here as a grief-stricken, alcoholic, 'Hamlet'-quoting megalomaniac aristocrat who spends his days fretting about time and what the corrupt Mayor Franklyn Cicero (Giancarlo Esposito) is doing to the city. We're supposed to believe that Cesar is a widely desired catch who would attract the Mayor's daughter Julia (Nathalie Emmanuel). But Kylo Ren had more charisma than Cesar. The great Talia Shire, as Cesar's cold mother, does more than either Driver or Emmanuel, with just a handful of lines and scenes. Aubrey Plaza, too, seems to have understood exactly what 'Megalopolis' needed from a social-climbing broadcast journalist who marries Jon Voight's bank scion Hamilton Crassus III: a high dose of camp.



Title: Megalopolis
Director: Francis Ford Coppola
Cast: Adam Driver, Shia LaBeouf, Nathalie Emmanuel, Talia Shire

Shia LaBeouf is Clodio Pulcher, the rich kid son of Crassus. He is in love with Julia, jealous of Cesar, and may be having an incestuous relationship with his party girl socialite sister Clodia (Chloe Fineman). Laurence Fishburne is Cesar's driver, Dustin Hoffman is a fixer, Jason Schwartzman is around. It's Coppola's first in 13 years, after all, and one that he boldly and admirably self-financed. AP

In Sync

Children perform during the SARAS Fair 2024 at the People's Plaza in Hyderabad on Friday. — Photo: Anand Dharmana

Fans vandalise theatre over Devara screening delay

STATE BUREAU
Kothagudem

Telugu movie actor Junior NTR's fans vandalised Venkateswara theatre at Paloncha in the district on Friday over the delay in screening the first show (benefit show) of the newly released Devara movie.

Fans reached the theatre by 4 am but the movie, which was supposed to be screened at 5.30 am, was not screened even at 7.30 am. Then some youths entered into arguments with the theatre management leading to tense moments at that time some of the fans in a fit of rage broke the windows of the theatre. The fans complained that they had bought tickets for Rs 500 in black while each ticket cost Rs 250. In Khammam, fans demanded action against a theatre where the movie's benefit show was screened accusing the theatre management of cheating the moviegoers. They complained that the management sold tickets at Rs 1200 and a single ticket was sold to two to three persons.

Fans reached theatre by 4 am but the movie, which was supposed to be screened at 5.30 am, was not screened even at 7.30 am.

The fans further alleged that the theatre management failed to control the crowds as many without tickets barged inside the theatre while those with tickets were left outside. Many were forced to stand to watch the movie as the theatre was overcrowded.

Jr NTR's cutout catches fire

HYDERABAD: A massive cutout of actor Jr NTR at the iconic Sudarshan 35MM Theatre caught fire causing panic among fans and onlookers on Friday. Though the exact cause of the fire was yet to be ascertained, as it occurred after the morning show of the film - 'Devara' was cancelled earlier, police are probing it from all possible angles including if fans set the cut out on fire. The local police and fire department officials rushed to the spot and doused the flames. No casualties have been reported, and the extent of the damage was being assessed.

LSE programme for executives

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) has launched the first batch of its Business Analytics Certificate for Executives programme in India, aimed at meeting the growing global demand for data-driven decision-making. In collaboration with FourthRev and TimesPro, the 10-month online programme is designed to equip professionals with advanced business analytics skills, addressing the urgent need for expertise in the rapidly expanding field. It aims to empower professionals seeking to enhance their skills in data analytics, artificial intelligence, critical thinking, leadership, and business strategy. The programme covers data visualisation, predictive analytics, machine learning, and data-driven decision-making, offering a strategic advantage in today's competitive job market.

Nirmal, Somasila are India's 'Best Tourism Villages'

SOWMYA SANGAM
Hyderabad

Nirmal village in Nirmal district and Somasila village in Nagarkurnool district have been awarded 'Best Tourism Villages for 2024' by the Ministry of Tourism. The announcement was made on Friday, marking World Tourism Day.

Nirmal village, known for its rich cultural heritage in crafts, particularly its famous 'Nirmal paintings" and traditional wooden toys, was recognised in the 'Crafts' category. Located about 220 kilometres from Hyderabad, Nirmal is a hub of artistic talent that dates back to the Mughal era.

Meanwhile, Somasila village in Nagarkurnool district, around 120 kilometres from Hyderabad, has been honoured in the 'Spiritual-Wellness' category. Nestled along the banks of the Krishna River, Somasila is renowned for its spiritual ambiance and serene landscapes, making it a popular destination for wellness tourism.

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The village is home to the revered Somasila Temple. To promote tourism to the Soul of India (India's villages), the Best Tourism Villages Competition was introduced in 2023. The first edition of the Best Tourism Villages Competition in 2023 saw applications from 795 villages.

In the second edition, 991 applications were received from 30 States and UTs, out of which 36 villages were recognised as winners across eight categories of the Best Tourism Villages competition 2024.

'Sahyog', programme for mentors launched

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

Sahyog, a 'train the trainer' programme by Umeed, a non-profit organisation in partnership with the Commissionerate of Collegiate Education, and Social Venture Partners, India-Hyderabad Chapter, was launched here on Friday.

Umeed is a women empowerment and career readiness training organisation working in Telangana for the last 10 years. Led by two women leaders, Udita Chadha and Gauri Mahendra, Umeed has successfully delivered multiple training and empowerment programmejs across the State. Sahyog, their second partnership with the Education Department, was launched today at RUSA Resource Centre Hyderabad, in the presence of Prof G Yadgiri, Joint Director, Prof DSR Rajendra Singh, Joint Director, Prof P Bala Bhaskar, Academic Guidance Officer (AGO), Chandrasekhar, TSKC Incharge, Gauri Mahendra, co-founder & president, Umeed, Aamrapali Sharma, CEO, SVP India-Hyderabad Chapter, Suravaram Sujatha Reddy, Partner, SVP India-Hyderabad Chapter.

Sahyog, aims to strengthen the already existing employability structures of the Education Department. The programme is designed to train full-time mentors of the Telangana Skills and Knowledge Centre. Through the training, FTMs will gain hands-on experience of skills, knowledge, values and network required to execute their mentorship role effectively.

Traffic curbs for Prez's visit

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

In view of President Droupadi Murmu's visit to the city for the 21st Convocation of Nalsar University on September 28, certain traffic restrictions are in place from 11 am to 4 pm in some places. across the city. The police requested citizens to plan their travel accordingly and cooperate.

Special consecration of Mahabodhi sapling

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

Heartfulness Institute held a special consecration of the Mahabodhi sapling (a descendant of the Mahabodhi tree of Bodh Gaya under which the Buddha attained Enlightenment) on the premises of Kanha Shanti Vanam — the world's biggest meditation centre on the outskirts of Hyderabad.

The celebrations also marked the birth anniversary of Rev Daaji — Guide of Heartfulness & president of Shri Ram Chandra Mission.

Geshe Tenzin Pelchok, representing His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, Ven Khemachara Bhikkhu, Deputy Secretary General, International Buddhist Confederation, and Daminda Porage, Additional Secretary General, International Buddhist Confederation (Sri Lanka) were special guests.

Buddhist monks from Gaya, Sri Lanka and elsewhere joined the special consecration ceremony. About 60,000 practitioners from across the world arrived at Kanha Shanti Vanam. Some of them also witnessed the consecration ceremony and participated in Heartfulness meditation virtually. The consecration of the Mahabodhi sapling marks a milestone in the Bhandara festivities. The event was also marked by a soulful musical rendition by students of Heartfulness International School followed by felicitation of the esteemed guests and Rev. Daaji.

Participants during the consecration of Mahabodhi sapling on the premises of Kanha Shanti Vanam.

Treesa-Gayatri in Macau semis

Beat sixth seed Hsu Yin-Hui and Lon Jhih Yun 21-12 21-17

PTI
MACAU

India's Kidambi Srikanth was ousted in men's singles but the women's pair of Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand progressed to the semifinals of the Macau Open Super 300 badminton tournament here on Friday.

Returning from an injury sustained in May, sixth seed Srikanth, a 2021 world championships silver medallist, struggled to find his rhythm against Hong Kong's Ng Ka Long Angus, losing 16-21 12-21 in just 31 minutes to bow out of the tournament.

Treesa and Gayatri, seeded third, emerged as the lone Indians in the fray after they outwitted Chinese Taipei's sixth seed Hsu Yin-Hui and Lon Jhih Yun 21-12 21-17 in the women's doubles quarterfinals.

In the semifinals, the world number 23 Indians will face another Chinese Taipei pair Hsieh Pei Shan and Hung En-Tzu, seeded eighth.

This is the second semifinal for the Indian pair following the last four finish at Singapore Open Super 750 in May-June.

Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand in action at the Macau Open.

Treesa and Gayatri came into the match with a lot of confidence, having beaten the Chinese Taipei pair at German Open in July this year. The Indians lagged behind briefly at the start but soon managed to establish a 8-4 lead and entered the interval with a 11-7 cushion.

Treesa and Gayatri kept extending the gap after resumption to pocket the opening game. The second game was a tight affair as the two pairs fought hard, moving neck and neck for most part before Treesa and Gayatri jumped to 18-14 and shut the door on their opponents.

Srikanth, however, could not produce his best against Ka Long, who was always a step ahead of the Indian.

The Hong Kong shuttler was up 5-0 in a jiffy in the opening game but Srikanth did well to claw back at 10-10. The Indian kept pace with his opponent till 15-15 before Ka Long broke off by winning six of the next seven points.

After the change of sides, Ka Long looked more dominant as he opened up a 5-0 lead again and then kept moving ahead to comfortably close out the match.

Thangaraja storms into four-shot lead

Keen contest at Telangana Golconda Masters

HYDERABAD

Sri Lanka's N Thangaraja rounded off with a magnificent eight-under 62 as he jumped to a four-shot lead with an aggregate of 13-under 127 at the end of second round in the Telangana Golconda Masters here on Friday. Chandigarh's Angad Cheema shot a 63, whereas Stepan Danek of the Czech Republic came up with a 65, while Saarthak Chhibber of Delhi shot a 68, with the trio tied second at nine-under 131.

On a sunny day, the cut came down at one-under 139, as 51 golfers made the cut. Thangaraja (65-62), a four-time winner on the PGTI tour, was tied sixth and two off the lead after the opening round. But, he skyrocketed to the top following a second straight error-free round, featuring two eagles and four birdies. Thangaraja, who last won on the PGTI a year ago in Visakhapatnam, started the day by making an eagle from four feet on the Par-5 10th. His excellent driving set him up his second eagle of the day, driving the green on the Par-4 14th to leave himself a seven-footer, and he eventually converted it. Following his inspired start, Thanga persisted with his upward rise, collecting four more birdies on the 17th, 18th, second and sixth. In the opening round, Thanga was relatively quiet, with pars on the front nine before breaking loose with a 40-feet eagle conversion along with three birdies on the back nine. "I'm delighted with my ball-striking. I made 14 greens in regulation today and was equally good with my driver and irons on Day 1," he said. "I'm quite confident going into the weekend as I've always played well here at HGA. I have a number of top-10s at this venue and have even been involved in a play-off here." Cheema's amazing 63, featuring an eagle, seven birdies and two bogeys, made him jump 33 spots to be tied second. Meanwhile, Danek produced a flawless 65 and climbed nine spots into joint second, while Stepan had a productive day with the putter, as he made three long birdie conversions, including a 30-footer. Chhibber, the joint leader overnight, struck a 68 on Friday to slip a spot to tied second.

Also, Mohd Azhar (69) of Hyderabad was the only local golfer to make the cut, ending Day 2 in tied 39th at two-under 138.

Sri Lanka's N Thangaraja in action in second round of Telangana Golconda Masters tourney in Hyderabad on Friday.

In Brief

HYDERABAD

New Club emerge champs

New Club triumphed over FMC A in the final of the FMC Inter-Club Invitation Snooker Team Championship at FMC Club.
RESULTS: Vishal Agarwal bt Murali Krishna (4-0) 57-17, 71-15, 56-12; Ajay Bhushan lost to Vibhas (0-4) 42-65, 35-54, 21-49, 21-54; Nitesh Vijayvargiya vs Venkatesham (2-4) 44-53, 57-33, 59-18, 40-59, 26-63, 30-65.

PATNA

U23 athletics competition from today

Sprinters, led by 100m senior national record holder Manikanta Hoblidhar and Animesh Kujur, will be the major attraction on the opening day of the fourth edition of Indian Open U23 athletics competition here on Saturday. The event will be held at Patliputra Sports Complex here. The men's 100m race has attracted a whopping 89 entries.

BENGALURU

Bengaluru to, face Mohun Bagan

Bengaluru FC will face Mohun Bagan Super Giant in the Indian Super League (ISL) 2024-25 at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium on Saturday with both teams hoping to consolidate their position in the top half of the points table.
Both teams are unbeaten so far in the ISL, with Bengaluru winning both their games.

Alcaraz, Medvedev advance

BEIJING

The No. 3-ranked Carlos Alcaraz withstood a heavy barrage from big-serving Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard to win 6-4, 6-4 in the China Open first round on Friday.

Second-seeded Alcaraz took both of his break point opportunities, despite the No. 51-ranked Frenchman regularly sending down 140 mph (225 kph) serves. Mpetshi Perricard won 83% of the points behind his first serve but gave up costly errors at the beginning of each set, which Alcaraz was wily enough to capitalize on. "The plan was just to put as many returns in as I can," Alcaraz said. "Honestly it wasn't easy. He's a really powerful player. Big serve, big shots from the baseline. So I had to be really focused." Daniil Medvedev safely navigated a tricky first outing, 6-3, 6-4 against French veteran Gael Monfils. Roman Safiullin, who made the main draw as a lucky loser in qualifying, beat three-time major winner Stan Wawrinka 6-3, 6-4 and will face top-ranked Jannik Sinner.

Carlos Alcaraz

Sixth-seeded Lorenzo Musetti and seventh-seeded Karen Khachanov also advanced.

In the women's draw, second-seeded Jessica Pegula opened her account by beating Diane Parry of France 6-1, 7-6 (4). Pegula broke Parry's serve three times in a swift opening set. The second set saw both players trade breaks before the U.S. Open finalist won the final five points of the tiebreak.

Four-time winner Naomi Osaka rallied from a set down to beat Yulia Putintseva 3-6, 6-4, 6-2. Osaka will play American Katie Volynets in third round. AP

Aastha, Manish make a splash

SPORTS BUREAU
Hyderabad

Manish Goud of St Joseph's College and Aastha Singh of Kasturba Gandhi College grabbed three gold medals each in the Osmania University Inter-College Swimming Championship for Men & Women at the GHMC Swimming Pool.

Manish topped the charts in the men's 50m, 100m and 200m breaststroke events, while Aastha won gold in the women's 50m and 100m breaststroke and the 50m freestyle events.

RESULTS: Men: 50m breaststroke: 1. K Manish Goud (St Joseph College) (37:69s), 2. Jwala Tanay Singh (Badruka College) (38:30s), 3. Atif Muzammil (Anwar-Ul-Uloom) (41:78s); Women: 1. Aastha Singh (Kasturba Gandhi College) (45:22s), 2. DM Harshitha (Shyamala Devi) (56:65s), 3. J Rishitha (Villa Marie) (1:22:59s); Women: 50m freestyle: 1. Aastha Singh (Kasturba Gandhi College) (34:81s), 2. K Sanjana (Villa Marie) (38:46s), 3. Anya Parikh (St. Francis) (47:04s); Men: 50m back stroke: 1. Akhil Lakkaraju (MECS) (36:43s), 2. Immaneul (MVSK) (40:56s), 3. B Yash Raj (NGIT) (45:36s); Women: 1. K Sanjana (Villa Marie) (44:36s), 2. Anya Parikh (St. Francis) (50:40s), 3. Juhi Sharma (Villa Marie) (01:16:26s); Men: 100m breaststroke: 1. K Manish Goud (St Joseph College) (1:27:81s), 2. Jwala Tanay Singh (Badruka College) (1:28:30s), 3. Atif Muzammil (Anwar-Ul-Uloom) (1:36:27s); Women: 1. Aastha Singh (Kasturba Gandhi College) (1:45:12s), 2. DM Harshitha (Shyamala Devi) (1:55:38s), 3. Ritisha Jaiswal (Villa Marie) (2:12:12s); Men: 200m breaststroke: 1. K Manish Goud (St Joseph College) (3:26:80s), 2. Atif Muzammil (Anwar-Ul-Uloom) (3:34:04s), 3. G Harish (Ambedkar) (4:15:85s); Men: 50m butterfly: 1. BV Siddharth (MVSR) (33:18s), 2. Vasanth Kumar Yadav (IIMC) (36:90s), 3. Yousuf Yuzair (KMLC) (39:73s); Men: 100m backstroke: 1. Akhil Lakkaraju (MECS) (1:26:53s), 2. Yash Raj (NGIT) (1:45:20s), 3. PM Akshit (Loyola College) (2:11:05s).

Aastha Singh

Manish Goud

Horoscope

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ARIES
Aries (March 21-April 20)
You may be in for some sort of surprise in love matters. With Mercury in combustion in your opposite ruling quarters, you may learn that your heart throb has changed mind. The changes may favor you and help you take forward your love matters. Surely, your partner might have come out of the grip of those who controlled his / her emotions.

TAURUS
(April 21-May 21)
You should be aware of people trying to damage your reputation that you have built over a period of time. People once close to you may change roles and turn the tide against you and dig out your past raising fresh controversies around you. You will begin the day on a happy note but end it on a note of dissatisfaction. Guard your reputation.

GEMINI
(May 22- June 21)
It seems you are in need of funds to meet long pending commitments but you may not like to seek them from siblings. You may rather tend to depend on colleagues or spousal relations to fill the gaps. With Northern Node guiding relations with siblings, the existing strains may force you to keep off them. You may be right in every respect.

CANCER
(June 22- July 22)
With Jupiter controlling your social image, the day can help you rebuild relations at work place. If you feel you have become a loner among colleagues, try to inspire them with your work. Try to be friendly with as many colleagues as possible engaging in healthy conversations. Move with a smiling face always. That will be helpful in many respects.

LEO
(July 23-Aug. 23)
With Mars losing strength in discomforts zone, you may become more vindictive in attitude. You may be busy assessing the strength of detractors and formulating strategies in dealing with them. With long-term goals remaining unaffected, you may find the necessity of forging new relationships in tune with self-imposed deadlines. New relationships can be thorny at times.

VIRGO
(Aug. 24-Sept. 23)
Your attitude will be fair, and with Saturn influencing intelligence arena, you may not be quick in clinching matters. But people dealing with you may seek quick responses from you. They may be eager to close deals with you but, you may fail to see their impulsiveness. You may be right with slow responses but it may not be right for them.

LIBRA
(Sept. 24-Oct. 23)
Your love and affections may be your first priority for the day. With benefactor Mercury moving in ruling quarters, you may undertake a review of spousal needs and take certain decisions. You may repent for not doing this earlier even as you think that it is your responsibility to keep spouse in good humor. You may be right, after all.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
Love matters will dominate your daily life and you may spend most of the day with near and dear ones. You will strongly think that your loved ones are your world and nothing is greater for you. If you are involved in love affairs, you would be ready to go to any extent to please your sweet heart. Your sweetheart also will form part of your world.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
You may fear that your credentials as a committed worker are under question. Suspecting some of the people around may spread the word that you are a hypocrite, you may want to prove that you are committed to your ideology. You will look determined to do something great and different to gain back what you have lost. You will look determined.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 20)
It seems you are highly emotional over your bonding with certain individuals. Perhaps, you are unable to bear the impending possibility of the bond breaking up and strains trespassing into relations. Examine yourself to find out what caused the strains. An impartial examination may help you overcome the situation in your favor. But don't move with biased opinions.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 21-Feb. 19)
With Mercury relaxing in the company of Sun and Southern Node in work arena, you may get some free time to attend on pending secondary work. All these days, you might have been busy with primary work that gives you monetary returns but not mental satisfaction. The day may, therefore, keep you happy in most respects at home.

PISCES
(Feb. 20-March 20)
Trine relationship of Saturn and Mars may give new impetus to your efforts in dealing with adversaries. You may realize you can't equate all adversaries and different methods are to be applied to different organizations or individuals. Still, adverse circumstances around may restrict your resources. You may become impatient as multiple issues surround you. You may look disturbed.

COMIC STRIPS

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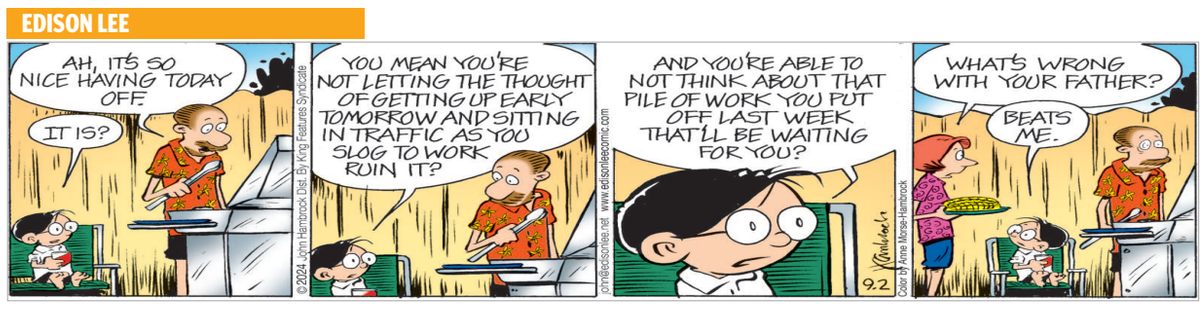

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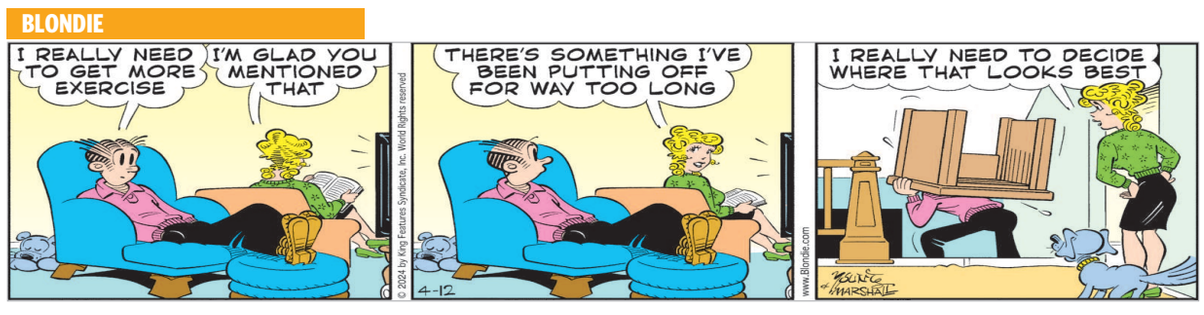
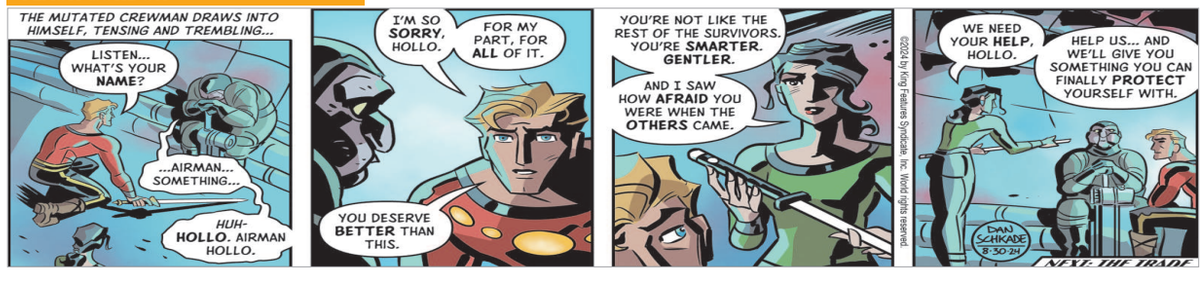
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